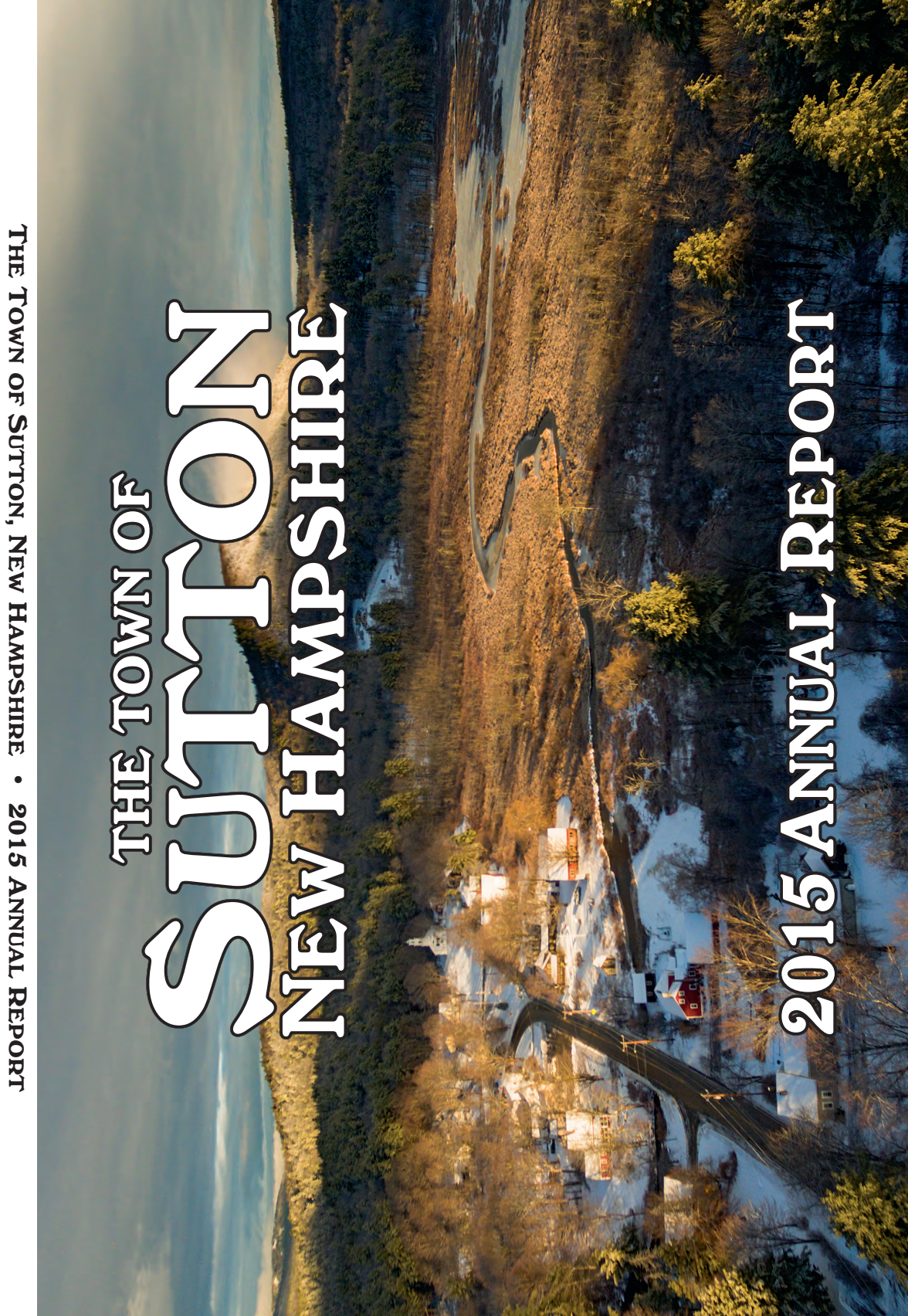
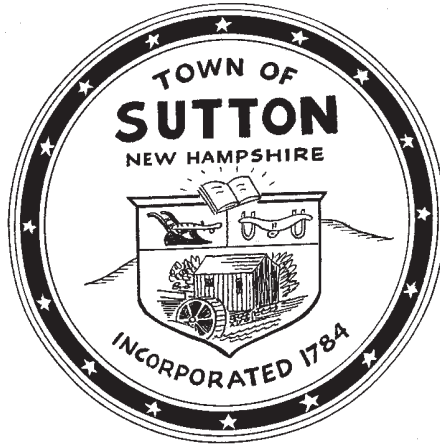


THE TOWN OF SUTTON NEW HAMPSHIRE

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



We thank Garrett Evans for our Annual Report cover photograph of “*South Sutton from Above*.” The 2015 Annual Report is dedicated in memory of Charles Whittemore and Charles Hosmer.



Annual Report and Vital Statistics

for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2015

Population (NHOSP)..... estimated 1,847

Registered Voters1,412

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SUTTON DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police Department (non-emergency 927-4422).....911
Fire (non-emergency 927-4740) 911
Sutton Rescue Squad (New London Ambulance).....911

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR – Linda Ford927-2401 or 927-2415

Monday 8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR – Jennifer Carson SELECTMEN'S OFFICE – Elly Phillips, Lynn King and Lorri Himes..... 927-2400 or 927-2403

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Selectmen's Meetings – Mondays at 5:00 p.m.

*All items for the agenda must be submitted to the Selectmen's Office
by noon the Wednesday before. Appointments only at meetings.*

BUILDING INSPECTOR – Matthew Grimes927-4321

CONSERVATION COMMISSION – Betsy Forsham.....927-4279

The Commission meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

FIRE WARDEN – Bud Nelson.....927-2727

HEALTH OFFICER – David Burnham927-2400

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER – Matthew Grimes.....927-4321

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Steven Bagley, Road Agent.....927-2407

SOLID WASTE/TRANSFER/RECYCLING – Edward Herrmann...927-4475

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. / Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

LIBRARY – Heidi Thoma, Librarian927-4927

Library Hours:

Monday 10:00 a.m. - Noon and 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - Noon and 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD – Laurie Hayward, Land Use Coordinator ...927-2402

Land Use Office Hours:

Tuesday through Thursday Noon until 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

The Board meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

WELFARE OVERSEER – Alison Jones927-2400

Meetings by appointment Monday evenings

DEPUTY WELFARE OFFICER – Daniel Sundquist..... 927-2400

ZONING BOARD - Laurie Hayward, Land Use Coordinator.....927-2402

Land Use Office Hours :

Tuesday through Thursday Noon until 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

The Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month

TOWN OFFICERS/EMPLOYEES

For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

** Is an elected position*

MODERATOR*

Gregory Gill Term Expires 2017

SELECT BOARD*

Robert Wright, Jr., Term Expires 2018

Walter Baker, Jr. Term Expires 2017

Daniel Sundquist Term Expires 2016

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Elly Phillips

ASSISTANT/BOOKKEEPER

Lynn King/Lorri Himes

LAND USE COORDINATOR

Laurie Hayward

TREASURER

Lorri Himes Term Expires 2016

DEPUTY TREASURER

Robert Wright, Jr.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR*

Linda Ford Term Expires 2017

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Jennifer Carson

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Stephen Bagley, Road Agent

Fred Burbee, Eugene Cote, John Csutor, Chris Grant, Adam Hurst,
Loring Ford

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jonathan Korbet, Police Chief

Valerie Crone, Sergeant, Duncan Domey, Police Officer

Philip Buteau, Robert D. Nelson, Part-time Police Officers

Jennifer Rowe, Administrative Assistant

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Matthew Grimes, Director

SOLID WASTE/TRANSFER/RECYCLING CENTER

John Godkin (resigned 2015); Edward Hermann, Solid Waste Supervisor
David Ellis, Loring Ford, Diego Solimine

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE*

Alison Jones Term Expires 2016
Daniel Sundquist, Deputy Overseer of Public Welfare

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Matthew Grimes

ENVIRONMENTAL CODE RESOURCE OFFICER

Jeffrey Evans

HEALTH OFFICER

David Burnham
Matthew Grimes, Deputy Health Officer

LIBRARIAN

Heidi Thoma

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Robert “Bud” Nelson, Lorri Himes

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS*

James Lowe Term Expires 2016
Beth Renzulli..... Term Expires 2017
Michael Corneilio..... Term Expires 2018

BUDGET COMMITTEE*

Robert Wright Jr., Ex-officio Term Expires 2016
Steven Hamilton (Appointed)..... Term Expires 2016
Tom Paul..... Term Expires 2016
John Silverberg, Chair Term Expires 2017
Richard Benson..... Term Expires 2017
Lynn King..... Term Expires 2018
Robert DeFelice Term Expires 2018

PLANNING BOARD

Daniel Sundquist, Ex-Officio Term Expires 2016
James Lowe (Alternate)..... Term Expires 2016
Julie McCarthy..... Term Expires 2016
Robert DeFelice Term Expires 2016
Carrie Thomas, Chair Term Expires 2017
Lisa Hogarty (Alternate)..... Term Expires 2017
Carol O’Connell..... Term Expires 2017

Pete Blakeman.....	Term Expires 2018
Roger Wells	Term Expires 2018
Laurie Hayward, Land Use Coordinator	

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS**

Derek Lick, Chair	Term Expires 2016
William Hallahan (Alternate)	Term Expires 2016
Sue Ellen Reel	Term Expires 2016
Dane Headley	Term Expires 2017
Doug Sweet	Term Expires 2017
Ed Canane	Term Expires 2018
Laurie Hayward, Land Use Coordinator	

CEMETERY COMMISSION*

Harold Rowe.....	Term Expires 2016
Jack Noon	Term Expires 2017
Marilyn Thompson	Term Expires 2018

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST*

Marilyn Thompson, Chair	Term Expires 2016
Kathleen Stowell	Term Expires 2018
Kathleen Gill	Term Expires 2020

TRUSTEES, SUTTON FREE LIBRARY*

Kristen Lombard	Term Expires 2016
Carrie Thomas	Term Expires 2016
Nancy Brook-Heckel	Term Expires 2016
Maria Caccavo	Term Expires 2017
Yvonne Howard	Term Expires 2018

TRUSTEES, OLD STORE MUSEUM

Donald Davis, Jr.	Term Expires 2016
Jack Noon	Term Expires 2018
Sheila Wilcox.....	Term Expires 2017
Walter Baker, Jr.....	Term Expires 2018
Robert O'Neil.....	Term Expires 2018

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Walter Baker Jr., Selectmen's Representative..... Term Expires 2016
Gerry Putnam Term Expires 2016
Jane Williamson (Alternate).....Term Expires 2016
Betsy Forsham, Chair..... Term Expires 2017
Ben Dobrowski Term Expires 2017
Henry Howell Term Expires 2017
Donald Davis, Jr. Term Expires 2018
Jean LaChance Term Expires 2018
Chris Ashton (Alternate)..... Term Expires 2018

ROAD COMMITTEE

Douglas Sweet, ChairStephen Bagley, Road Agent
Peter Blakeman.....Carroll "Pete" Thompson
Charles Whittemore

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Matthew Grimes

SUPERVISOR – HIGHWAY NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

Charles Whittemore

SUTTON REPRESENTATIVE TO KRSD SCHOOL BOARD*

Emilio Cancio-Bello Term Expires 2016

SUTTON REPRESENTATIVE TO KRSD BUDGET COMMITTEE*

Robert DeFelice Term Expires 2016

Round Room Report

Highway Department Projects

Highway projects and road work were a major focus in 2015. The winter was particularly challenging for our Highway Department with over 8 feet of snow and multiple ice events. After capably getting us to where we needed to go during the extraordinary (even for New Hampshire) winter, the highway crew spent the remaining months replacing culverts throughout town, trimming trees, trenching, ditching and performing gravel upgrades. The new Ford 550 truck that we purchased in 2015 was instrumental in all these activities. Stephen (Steve) Bagley, Road Agent, and his crew, also collected and collated data for the Road Management System. Steve continued fine-tuning equipment estimates for the Capital Improvement Plan and worked with Right Angle Engineering on plans and estimates for the Hominy Pot (red listed bridge) culvert project and the Corporation Hill/Grist Mill stabilization project, for further consideration at this year's Town Meeting.

Betterment Assessment

Fox Chase Road was accepted as a Town Road in 2015, subject to a betterment assessment, which required the road to be upgraded, as conditioned by this Board, at the abutting property owners' expense. The betterment assessment is not commonly used by municipalities, and Fox Chase Road was the first instance of it in Sutton. Betterment Assessment is specific for existing private ways and does not apply to new subdivisions. This was a long and complicated statutory process. These are the steps we followed to bring this before the voters and finally to implementation.

First, we were petitioned by the abutters to lay out the road subject to betterment. Next, we had to determine an estimated cost for upgrade (RSA 231:20) and a time period between one and ten years for the betterment tax to be paid by the abutting property owners. The abutters were then afforded an opportunity to object. (RSA 231:28). We conducted a public hearing to determine whether there was an occasion to lay out the road (RSA 231:8, 231:9). After a site visit, we considered public interest and the rights of the affected landowners. We found that it would not be a financial burden to the taxpayers due to the assessment of a betterment tax. We also reviewed the assessed valuation on Fox Chase Road and noted that the abutting owners were paying their fair share of property taxes for a half mile of road maintenance. The Board found that the burden for future maintenance and possible future reconstruction was light given the current condition of the road and in view of the required improvements. Finally, we found in favor

of the road layout subject to voter approval at town meeting. The residents of Fox Chase Road made a compelling case for acceptance at Town Meeting and the voters approved a warrant article for \$48,000 for improvements funded through betterment assessment (no amount to be raised by taxation). Rowe Brothers Excavation was selected as our contractor for the project. Rowe Brothers did an excellent job, and the project was completed under budget at a cost of \$38,872.

Property Revaluation

We completed a town-wide revaluation this year which began in 2014. The first step in this process was for all of the buildings in town to be measured and listed. The town's sales spanning a two-year period preceding April 1, 2015, were reviewed and analyzed. The highest and best use was identified and the data was stratified by use, such as single-family residential, land, commercial etc. The data was also stratified by neighborhood, in order to isolate discrete locational differences and/or influences. Benchmarks were established and computerized mass appraisal formulas and tables were used to update data to conform to the market. After the values were set, letters were mailed to property owners advising you of your new value and affording you an opportunity to meet with our assessors for taxpayer reviews. For those of you who believe the assessment on your property is in excess of its fair market value, you may file an Abatement Application with our office on or before March 1, 2016. We will review the case and make a determination as to the disposition of the appeal. If you still feel your assessment is incorrect, your avenue for further appeal is to the New Hampshire Board of Tax and Land Appeals or the Superior Court. In order to obtain the proper abatement form, you may contact our office or download the form from the NH Department of Revenue's website at the following link: <http://www.nh.gov/btla/forms/documents/municipal-abatement.pdf>.

Overall, as a result of our revaluation, values in 2015 went down 3.85% from 2014. This was one of the factors that influenced the tax rate this year. The following is a breakdown, by property class, of the 1,680 parcels in town as compared to 2014 values:

Property Class	# of Parcels	Category	2014 Values	2015 Values	+/- percent
Commercial	28	Land	\$2,933,800	\$2,687,371	-8.40
		Improvements	\$8,395,040	\$7,711,910	-8.14
Exempt	95	Land	\$11,602,010	\$10,041,410	-13.45
		Improvements	\$25,673,830	\$26,145,110	1.84
Manufactured Housing	7	Land	\$469,880	\$455,846	-2.99
		Improvements	\$137,960	\$128,260	-7.03
Residential	1,517	Land	\$109,469,920	102,752,165	-6.14
		Improvements	\$145,962,120	136,017,900	-6.81
Utilities	3	Improvements	\$3,520,620	\$3,603,010	2.34

In conjunction with our revaluation, we converted to a new Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal system (CAMA) called Summit. We are delighted with the new software and note that the Summit property record cards are easier to read, especially as they relate to current use. With over 71% percent of the land in Sutton classified in Current Use, this is a nice bonus. Concurrent with our revaluation, we also underwent recertification by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). This involves a thorough review of our assessing practices and is performed every five-years by the State. During this process, we verify our assessment practices as well as exemptions and credits. Consequently, many of you received letters from the Town asking for up-to-date information relating to current use records. The DRA also performed random checks of the data collected by our assessors. Thus, many of you had multiple visits to your property from both the Town's assessors and the State of New Hampshire. Thank you for your time, patience and participation in our assessing efforts as they are the vehicles by which the Town ensures that you are assessed fairly and equitably so that you pay your fair share, and only your fair share, of property taxes.

If you are interested in sales trends, another interesting measure to review is the Department of Revenues annual ratio studies. The DRA's median ratios for the preceding three years follow:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Median Ratio</u>
2012	107.7%
2013	101.9%
2014	103.3%

To summarize, the DRA ratio showed an increase in value of 5.8%

from 2012 to 2013 and decrease in value of 1.4% from 2013 to 2014. In 2015, after completion of our revaluation, our equalization ratio was determined to be 100.5%. In addition, our Median Point Confidence Level, Price Related Differential and Co-efficient of Dispersion were all within acceptable parameters.

We would like to call your attention to the following public notice which New Hampshire cities and towns have been required to post in our annual reports from 2011 through 2015. If you have an involuntarily merged lot that you would like to unmerge and restore to prior lot lines, the request must be submitted to this Board prior to December 31, 2016. If you show that the merger was involuntary, we must grant the request to unmerge. An unmerger is not available if either you or a prior owner voluntarily merged lots.

Division of Involuntarily Merged Lots (NH RSA 674:39-aa)

Lots or parcels involuntarily merged prior to September 18, 2010, shall at the request of the owner, be restored to their premerger status and all zoning and tax maps shall be updated to identify the premerger boundaries of said lots or parcels as recorded at the appropriate registry of deeds, provided:

(a) The request is submitted to the Board of Selectmen prior to December 31, 2016.

(b) No owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots. If any owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots, then all subsequent owners shall be estopped from requesting restoration. "Voluntarily merged" means a merger under NH RSA 674:39-a, or any overt action or conduct that indicates an owner regarded said lots as merged such as, but not limited to, abandoning a lot line.

The restoration of the lots to their premerger status shall not be deemed to cure any non-conformity with existing local land use ordinances.

Other Highlights of 2015:

We completed a town-line survey of our Warner town line. Warner also conducted a survey which, we found, uses some differing surveying methodologies. We have reviewed the information in both surveys. At the time of this writing, we are looking forward to sitting down with the Warner Board of Selectmen to discuss the methods and consequent variances in the survey information. We are also looking forward to scheduling long overdue perambulations with our neighboring towns.

The Pillsbury Memorial Hall and Highway Facility acquired a new Managed/IP telephone system. The telephones have improved communications between departments and with the public and have

a number of features that will benefit our administrative efforts. Bear with our staff as they adjust to technology befitting the 21st century. Speaking of the 21st century, many of you participated in an open house at the Pillsbury Memorial Hall this Fall which introduced Sutton residents to IP-based TV and fiber optics with internet speeds of up to 1 gigabit. Sutton residents now have an option from DSL internet and have expanded alternatives to choose from for their television programming.

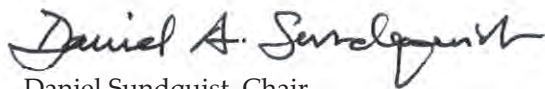
The Town celebrated its 100th Old Home Day beginning August 15, 2015. The celebration began with a Trivia contest and community-based activities continued for the following two weeks. Among the centennial celebratory activities were: historic hikes, a traditional service, a luncheon, a run, a cribbage tournament, a whiffle-ball tournament, a scavenger hunt and a square dance. Some wonderful traditions were nurtured and some new traditions germinated. We greatly appreciated the community spirit of all those who attended and the efforts of all those who made it happen. It was a proper homage to a 100-year-old tradition.

Other milestones for the year were that Selectwoman Patricia (Ricia) McMahon chose not to seek re-election in order to pursue other interests. Selectwoman McMahon served five years on our Board, during which time we reaped the benefit of her extensive administrative and governmental experience. Robert (Bob) Wright, Jr. was elected to succeed her. Previously, Selectman Wright served nine years on this Board, and we were delighted to welcome him back to the Round Room. William (Bill) Hallahan stepped down as our Zoning Board of Adjustment Chair. Bill has been a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment since 1989 and for many of those 22 years, served as Chair. We are delighted that Bill has agreed to continue to share his expertise in zoning matters with the town as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

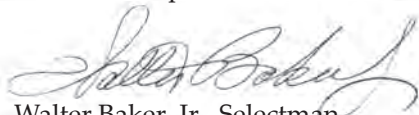
We encourage you to peruse the pages that follow to learn more about the accomplishments and goals of Sutton's various departments, boards and committees, and we invite you to examine the Town's financial statements contained herein. It occurs to us that many, upon receipt of the annual report, turn directly to last three pages where the marriages, births and deaths in town are chronicled by our Town Clerk, Linda Ford. While we celebrate the marriages and births, we are deeply saddened by the deaths. The list is always too long, but this year it is staggering. We would like to add Charles "Charley" Hosmer for although he did not make his home in Sutton, we feel he was at home on his Sutton woodlot. If we could have bottled up Charley's work ethic and sold it, the world would likely be a better place. Charles (Charlie) Whittemore was simply loved by all. He was a fellow town official serving in many

capacities – Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Selectman, Conservation Commission member, and firefighter to name a few. We dedicate this year's Annual Report to our two "South Sutton Charlies." This year's Annual Report cover depicts their view of South Sutton from above. All of the individuals who passed this year were more than beloved family members, friends, neighbors and fellow citizens. They were an integral part of our community and will be sorely missed. Please join us in honoring, remembering and celebrating the lives of these dear folk, some of whom passed too soon, and those that just weren't here long enough. In the essay that follows, Jack Noon, addresses the question "Why Sutton?" We offer one more item for his list – because of the people.

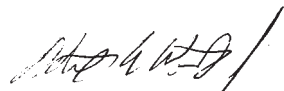
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel A. Sundquist". The script is fluid and cursive.

Daniel Sundquist, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Walter Baker, Jr.". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Walter Baker, Jr., Selectman

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert Wright, Jr.". The script is cursive and includes a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Robert Wright, Jr., Selectman

Why Sutton?

About fifteen years ago my good friend Carlton Bradford got busy with volunteers in the Sutton Historical Society trying to generate research about Sutton town history. I had taken on the project of writing a book about the town during the years leading up to 1784, when it shed its old name of Perrystown and became Sutton. Carlton's intent was to have each volunteer research some specific topic of Sutton history and give a report that would perhaps keep me writing about Sutton's history after 1784.

As one of Carlton's monthly homework assignments, he suggested that each one of the volunteers come up with a short, written response about why he or she lived in Sutton: "Why Sutton?" I ducked the assignment at the time, supposing I could get away with it. Now, however, in honor of North Sutton native Carlton's 90th birthday in March, here is my effort.

In the 1940s, as was typical of many rural New Hampshire towns, Sutton was poverty stricken. It had been losing population ever since 1820 and would keep sliding down to only 485 residents in 1960, fewer than a third of those living here 140 years earlier. Real estate was cheap in the 1940s, when many houses were simply abandoned and left to rot. In 1941 the Bristols bought the homestead at Muster Field Farm and 42 acres on the west side of Harvey Road, for just \$4000. My grandparents, Pete and Dorothy Hill, in 1943, bought the old Redington Tavern on the North Road close to the Warner line, for \$1300. A couple of years later they bought the adjoining 1837 John Redington home, where I now live, for \$1000. There was no electricity here at the time, and both houses were quite run down. For my grandfather, the trout fishing in Stevens Brook outweighed all other considerations.

My grandfather was returning to his New Hampshire roots. Eight generations back, his ancestor, Valentine Hill, in the 1640s, had settled in the Durham section of what was then Dover. Succeeding generations had slowly moved inland. His own grandfather, Aaron Hill, had been lured out of Loudon by a paying job down in Massachusetts as a farm manager. One of his sons would marry the boss's daughter.

Both sets of my grandparents had returned to ancestral roots in New Hampshire in Sutton and Eaton. I grew up in rural Massachusetts, but with frequent visits to the Granite State. Many of my earliest memories are of Sutton, and very early I decided I wanted to live in New Hampshire when I grew up. I went to college in Hanover, taught school in Greece and southern Vermont for a while, and then became a resident of Sutton in 1977, intending to write books for the rest of my life.

As with most new residents in this topographically challenged town of scattered villages, I felt quite isolated. My paying work to support my writing included leading winter camping trips for Outward Bound in northern New Hampshire for ten years and summer employment for eleven years as manager of a log lodge at Mount Moosilauke that Dartmouth College owned.

George Wells ended my isolation by inviting me to be a board member of the Sutton Historical Society as the representative for East Sutton and by cheerfully lying that all I had to do was “show up for the monthly meetings.” Thank you, George, for drawing me into Sutton town life. At those meetings I met Carlton, Larry and Jean Bennett, and many others. Carlton and Larry in 1994 asked me to join them at Muster Field Farm in weekly sessions of sorting through and organizing a huge cache of Harvey family documents dating from the 1770s that descendant John Phillips Parker had donated to the farm. Thus my interest in Sutton town history strengthened. It had begun decades earlier when my grandparents told me that stagecoaches had long ago rolled down the North Road past John Redington’s mill and house and had stopped at his tavern next door.

About eight years ago I was hired part-time to organize and display the vast collection of artifacts at Muster Field Farm, which had been piled, layer upon layer, for storage in all the buildings on the east side of Harvey Road that Bob Bristol had moved there from afar. Much of that early work involved the drudgery of moving ten items to get to the one I wanted, cursing at the scattered church pews that bruised my shins and seemed constantly to be in the way, and discarding much absolute junk.

Sutton Central School came into the mix about seven years ago, thanks to Kathleen Stowell, who lives in Moses Quimby’s 1773 house in Sutton Mills. Over the years she has refined programs at Muster Field Farm for all grades at the school. For the sheer excellence of the school staff and the fond memories Sutton’s youngsters will have for the rest of their lives about growing up in small-town New Hampshire, Sutton ranks high in the state.

As I became more involved with the town and its schools, my early fantasy of living and writing in extreme northern New Hampshire gradually faded. I realized that there is nowhere that I would rather live than in Sutton. Some of the reasons:

- Three pristine villages, largely unchanged during the past century and a half.
- The Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall is an architectural treasure with a friendly staff of town employees and a safe for storing town documents that date from 1749.

- Excellent schools and idyllic rural childhoods for youngsters. If you haven't had the chance, go to the annual evening at the high school, where seniors display the results of the creativity and work they've put into their independent projects.
- The Vernondale Store. Bob DeFelice has restored the North Sutton store to what it was like in the 1930s. Linger there for an hour or two and see how many friends and neighbors stop in, just as they used to decades ago when they were checking their mail.
- The Town library. Structured activities, especially for kids. Plenty of books.
- Woods and wildlife. Just in the past month, I've seen a bobcat on Keyser Street in the middle of the day and three young otters (January 6th) scooting across Kezar Lake on the first ice they'd ever seen. In my backyard down by Stevens Brook I've seen otters, mink, deer, moose and bears. Elsewhere in Town I've encountered eagles, ospreys, nesting loons, and fishers.
- Historical roads. Many of the roads abandoned by the town decades ago are open for hiking and can still be followed easily. Among them: Eaton Grange Road between East Sutton and South Sutton, Nelson Hill Road, Brown Road, Poor Farm Road, Dodge Hill Road, Mill Road and Old Stage Road, Kings Hill Road over into Newbury and the ancient section of the Harvey Road between Muster Field Farm and Hominy Pot Road.
- The volunteer fire department and rescue squad. A long tradition of dedication and training. Some of its members are now third generation.
- Lakes and brooks for fishing, woods for hunting, top of King Hill for views.
- The Old Store Museum in South Sutton. A century-old inventory of store goods including whale baleen for corset stays and more rolls of ratty old wallpaper than you can imagine. Collection of old hand tools and farm equipment used in Sutton generations ago.
- The Christmas Pageant at the South Sutton Meeting House. Unheated, lantern light, school kids re-enacting the night in the Bethlehem stable, a gathering for soup and cider afterwards at the Historical Society's Cressey House.
- Police department. Friendly, low-key, efficient. Come see someone in uniform help flip burgers or serve supper at Muster Field Farm during event days.
- Ice Day, June Jam, Farm Days, and Harvest Day at Muster Field Farm.
- Fourth of July parade and August Old Home Day in South Sutton. Come be old fashioned.
- Programs at the North Sutton Meeting House sponsored by the Sutton Historical Society and the Muster Field Farm Museum.

If you've just moved into town or if you've been here a few years and feel isolated, break out of that isolation by becoming a part of town activities. Join the fire department, the Historical Society, or the Muster Field Farm Museum, or volunteer to fill some town office or committee or do something for the local schools. For the effort you invest as a volunteer you'll get back a good deal more as you make new friends and begin to be impressed with what a special place Sutton is. It took me ten years to realize that after I came back to Sutton full time.

Happy Birthday, Carlton!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Noon

TOWN OF SUTTON STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sutton in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall in said Sutton on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 2016 next at eight of the clock in the forenoon (Polls to be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) to act on Articles 1-14. You are further notified to meet at the Kearsarge Regional High School, North Road in said Sutton on Wednesday, the 9th day of March, 2016 at seven of the clock in the evening, to act upon the remaining Articles.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2: Are you in favor of Amendment 1 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This Amends the Zoning Ordinance throughout by making various non-substantive changes, including replacing acronyms with full names; improving consistency of usage and/or clarity; correcting grammar, spelling, and punctuation. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

Article 3: Are you in favor of Amendment 2 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment revises the language regarding personal wireless telecommunications service facilities so that it complies with state and/or federal statutes, adding a preference for “collocation” applications; adding or amending definitions of “modification”, “modification application”, “substantial modification”, “utility pole”, and “water tank”; adding that collocation requires only a building permit and is preempted by state/federal law from the town’s local regulation; that new facilities or substantial modification of existing facilities require site plan approval from the planning board, a building permit, and are subject to the limitations and requirements of the town zoning ordinance; and to add a new section regarding the failure to remove an abandoned or discontinued facility. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

Article 4: Are you in favor of Amendment 3 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amends the Zoning Ordinance so that it complies with state statutes by changing

Article VI, Special Exceptions and Variances, to allow a two year period from approval to exercise a Variance or Special Exception. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

Article 5: Are you in favor of Amendment 4 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes the Zoning Ordinance so that it complies with state statutes by adding Manufactured housing as a permitted use in both the Residential and the Rural-Agricultural Districts as follows: "A manufactured home on a single lot that is in compliance with all of the requirements of the zoning district." Previous language and definitions related to Manufactured housing parks and subdivisions are removed. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

Article 6: Are you in favor of Amendment 5 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment adds a new Article to the Zoning Ordinance that provides for a Steep Slope Overlay District. This Article limits the nature and intensity of development in steep slope areas; defines steep slope areas as areas where there is an elevation change of 20 or more feet and the slope is 20% or greater; explains how to determine where steep slopes are likely to be located within Sutton; and, creates a Conditional Use Permit granted by the Planning Board to allow development within the Steep Slope Overlay District provided certain conditions are satisfied. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

Article 7: Are you in favor of Amendment 6 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment creates a new Section to Article III, General Provisions, regarding Driveways which requires all new or substantially altered driveways to obtain a Driveway Access Permit; requires driveways that do not meet the design requirements for driveways or are located within the Steep Slope Overlay District to obtain a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board; and includes minimum driveway design requirements. Also, a change is made to definitions in order to conform to usage within the Sutton Driveway Regulations, to limit to two the number of lots served by one driveway. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

Article 8: Are you in favor of Amendment 7 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes the language in Article III, General Provisions, E regarding Signs so that it is clear that a single sign is permitted by changing the wording from plural to singular. It also

reduces permitted height to 5 feet and maximum illumination of all signs to 40 watts and the size and number of temporary signs to the same. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

Article 9: Are you in favor of Amendment 8 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes the Board or entity responsible for the application/permit process for Excavations from Zoning Board of Adjustment to Select Board (see Article III, General Provisions, 1.) It also changes the Board or entity responsible for inspecting Excavations from Zoning Board of Adjustment to the Code Enforcement Officer and changes the fine for violations, reducing the maximum daily amount. This amendment also changes the Board or entity responsible for the approval of Temporary Use of Travel or Construction Trailers from Zoning Board of Adjustment to Select Board. (See Article III, General Provisions, I.) **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

Article 10: Are you in favor of Amendment 9 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes the wording on Minimum Lot Area in both the Residential District (IV.C) and the Rural-Agricultural District (V.C) as follows: to clarify that minimum lot area relates not to “families” but to “subdivisions”. Additionally, this amendment explains how minimum lot area is calculated for a lot in the Steep Slope Overlay District as follows: d. “Upon subdivision, any portion of a lot that is in the Steep Slope Overlay District shall not include more than 80% of that area within the minimum lot area requirement.” **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

Article 11: Are you in favor of Amendment 10 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment provides for changes to Article XV. Definitions such that definitions of certain words used within the Ordinance are added to the Article on Definitions. Such definitions include: “Conditional Use Permit”, “Lodging House”, “Planning Board”, “Select Board”, and “Zoning Board of Adjustment”. Also, certain definitions of words that are no longer used within the Ordinance, including “Loading Space” and “Lodging Unit”; “Manufactured Home Park” and “Manufactured Home Subdivision” are removed. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

Article 12: Are you in favor of Amendment 1 of the Building Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment provides for various non-substantive changes, including replac-

ing acronyms with full names; improving consistency of usage and/or clarity; correcting grammar, spelling, and punctuation. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

Article 13: Are you in favor of Amendment 2 of the Building Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment to the Building Ordinance, Article II.B.7, requires that a Driveway Permit be issued by the Road Agent or, alternatively, a Conditional Use Permit be issued by the Planning Board to satisfy the requirement. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

Article 14: Are you in favor of Amendment 3 of the Building Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes the Building Ordinance, Article II.D, so that the minimum square footage for a dwelling or residence first-floor space is changed from 500 square feet to 320 square feet. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$2,160,029 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

4130	Executive	150,433
4140	Election & Registration	9,950
4150	Financial Administration	63,052
4151	Executive Financial Administration	21,700
4152	Revaluation of Property	10,000
4153	Legal Expense	23,500
4155	Personnel Administration	142,331
4191	Planning Board and Zoning	42,500
4194	General Government Buildings	25,750
4195	Cemeteries	14,000
4196	Insurance	72,500
4197	Regional Planning Commission	2,032
4210	Police Department	478,173
4215	Ambulance	65,336
4220	Fire Department	56,325
4240	Building Inspection	9,000
4290	Emergency Management	1,300
4299	Dispatching Services	24,605
4312	Highway Department	633,765
4313	Bridges	3,000
4316	Street Lighting	8,000
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	149,700
4411	Health Administration	2,250

4415	Health Agencies	5,353
4443	Welfare Admin. & Direct Assistance	20,902
4520	Culture & Recreation	12,063
4550	Library	41,485
4583	Patriotic Purposes	1,000
4611	Conservation Commission	3,232
4721	Debt Service	66,792

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$297,750 to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:

Cemetery Fence and Tombstone	3,500
Conservation Land	10,000
Highway Equipment Trucks	50,000
Highway Bridges	50,000
Solid Waste Facility	5,000
Forest Fire Equipment	250
Fire Equipment Replacement	25,000
Rescue Vehicle	10,000
Property Revaluation	22,000
Cemetery	5,000
Library Building Maintenance	3,000
Highway Facility Capital Reserve Fund	50,000
Highway Pickup Truck	6,000
Fire Department Addition	25,000
Legal Fees	3,000
Highway Backhoe	25,000
Records Preservation	2,000
Pillsbury Memorial Hall	3,000

Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 for the purpose of purchasing a highway loader and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$140,000 from the Highway Loader Capital Reserve Fund established in 2001 for that purpose. No amount to be raised by general taxation. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Highway Loader Capital Reserve Fund established in 2001. Said funds of \$85,594.98, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's General Fund. This article is contingent on the passage of Article 17 authorizing the withdrawal of \$140,000 from the fund, and becomes effective after the withdrawal of the \$140,000 from the fund. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of acquiring highway heavy equipment and to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed into this fund. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of upgrading gravel town roads.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of upgrading blacktop town roads.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of replacing the Highway Department Sand Shed and to authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000 from the Highway Facility Capital Reserve Fund established in 1998 for that purpose. This article is contingent on the passage of Article 16 (to add \$50,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund). If Article 16 does not pass, this article will be null and void. No amount to be raised by general taxation. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$111,805 for the purpose of engineering, permitting and repairs for Corporation Hill Road and to authorize the withdrawal of \$50,000 for the Corporation Hill Capital Reserve Fund established in 2015 for that purpose. The remaining \$61,805 to be raised by general taxation. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,500 for the purpose of engineering, design, permitting and repairs for the Hominy Pot Bridge and to authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000 from the Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund established in 1959 for that purpose. The remaining \$28,500 to be raised by general taxation. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Police Cruiser and Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,250 to be placed in this fund. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose

of Police Department Computers and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,575 to be placed in this fund and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Library Modifications Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in that fund and further to appoint the Library Trustees as agents to expend. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 8,000 for the purpose of providing a \$500 annual stipend to members of the Sutton Rescue Squad.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the purpose of engineering, site plans, permitting, upgrading electrical systems and acquiring and installing a plastic compactor for the Solid Waste Facility.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,250 for the Sutton Athletic Fields.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$85,000 for the purpose of acquiring land known as the Steven's lot located at Sutton Tax Map and Lot 07-942-328 and 07-975-354 and to authorize the withdrawal of \$50,000 from the Conservation Land Capital Reserve Fund established in 2005 for that purpose. The remaining \$35,000 is to be raised through fundraising events. No amount to be raised by general taxation. This is a nonlapsing appropriation which shall not lapse for a period of two years. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to NH RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of police special details. All revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

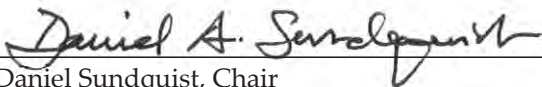
Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, to exempt from

taxation \$20,000 of assessed value for qualified taxpayers. To qualify, the person must be eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the Federal Social Security Act for benefits to the disabled, must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$13,400, or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$20,400, and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

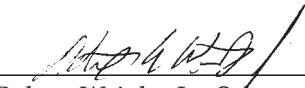
Article 34: To see if the town will vote to donate the 1985 Fire Engine to the Sutton Volunteer Fire Association so it can sell it and retain the proceeds.

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Given under our hands and seal, this 8th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen.

SUTTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Daniel Sundquist, Chair


Walter Baker, Jr., Selectman


Robert Wright, Jr., Selectman



Budget of the Town of Sutton

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Town Meeting

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE WARRANT

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BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Budget Committee Members	
Printed Name	Signature
JOHN R. SILVERBERG	<i>John R. Silverberg</i>
THOMAS C. PAUL	<i>T. C. Paul</i>
LYNN A. KING	<i>L. A. King</i>
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ROBERT L. DE FELICE	<i>Robert L. De Felice</i>
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Appropriations

Account Code	Description	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
General Government								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	15	\$153,282	\$146,779	\$150,433	\$0	\$150,433	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	15	\$2,850	\$2,282	\$9,950	\$0	\$9,950	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	15	\$81,799	\$79,959	\$84,752	\$0	\$84,752	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	15	\$8,000	\$7,951	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	15	\$28,000	\$19,452	\$23,500	\$0	\$23,500	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	15	\$136,253	\$112,556	\$142,331	\$0	\$142,331	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	15	\$42,500	\$42,358	\$42,500	\$0	\$42,500	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	15	\$26,250	\$24,551	\$25,750	\$0	\$25,750	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	15	\$14,000	\$11,005	\$14,000	\$0	\$14,000	\$0
4196	Insurance	15	\$74,000	\$75,232	\$72,500	\$0	\$72,500	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	15	\$2,032	\$2,032	\$2,032	\$0	\$2,032	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety								
4210-4214	Police	15	\$430,041	\$364,716	\$478,173	\$0	\$478,173	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	15	\$43,027	\$41,827	\$65,336	\$0	\$65,336	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	15	\$56,325	\$55,985	\$56,325	\$0	\$56,325	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	15	\$8,900	\$6,288	\$9,000	\$0	\$9,000	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	15	\$1,300	\$300	\$1,300	\$0	\$1,300	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)	15	\$24,608	\$24,608	\$24,605	\$0	\$24,605	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets								
4311	Administration		\$649,100	\$562,049	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	15	\$0	\$0	\$633,765	\$0	\$633,765	\$0
4313	Bridges	15	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	15	\$8,000	\$7,206	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation								
4321	Administration		\$146,100	\$134,469	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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4323	Solid Waste Collection	15	\$0	\$0	\$149,700	\$0	\$149,700	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment								
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric								
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health								
4411	Administration	15	\$2,100	\$1,774	\$2,250	\$0	\$2,250	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	15	\$5,339	\$5,339	\$5,353	\$0	\$5,353	\$0
Welfare								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	15	\$19,613	\$11,211	\$20,902	\$0	\$20,902	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	15	\$0	\$0	\$12,063	\$0	\$12,063	\$0
4550-4559	Library	15	\$41,485	\$32,934	\$41,485	\$0	\$41,485	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	15	\$1,000	\$812	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$11,863	\$11,863	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	15	\$3,232	\$2,065	\$3,232	\$0	\$3,232	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Debt Service								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	15	\$39,258	\$39,259	\$42,117	\$0	\$42,117	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	15	\$22,208	\$22,207	\$21,175	\$0	\$21,175	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	15	\$2,000	\$1,405	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	15	\$1,750	\$58	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$0
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$2,089,215	\$1,853,532	\$2,160,029	\$0	\$2,160,029	\$0

Special Warrant Articles									
Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuring FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuring FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuring FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuring FY (Not Recommended)	
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4313	Bridges	24	\$0	\$0	\$128,500	\$0	\$128,500	\$0	\$0
		Purpose:	Hominy Pot Bridge						
4901	Land	31	\$0	\$0	\$85,000	\$0	\$85,000	\$0	\$0
		Purpose:	Purchase of land -- Horse Beach						
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	17	\$0	\$0	\$140,000	\$0	\$140,000	\$0	\$0
		Purpose:	Purchase Highway Loader						
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	25	\$0	\$0	\$38,250	\$0	\$38,250	\$0	\$0
		Purpose:	Establish a Police Cruiser and Equipment Fund						
4903	Buildings	22	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
		Purpose:	Highway Sand Shed						
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	23	\$0	\$0	\$111,805	\$0	\$111,805	\$0	\$0
		Purpose:	Corporation Hill						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	16	\$0	\$0	\$297,750	\$0	\$297,750	\$0	\$0
		Purpose:	Appropriate to Capital Reserve Fund						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	19	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
		Purpose:	Establish a Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	26	\$0	\$0	\$7,575	\$0	\$7,575	\$0	\$0
		Purpose:	Establish a Police Department Computer Fund						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	27	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
		Purpose:	Establish a Library Modifications Fund						
Special Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$923,850	\$0	\$923,850	\$0	\$0
Individual Warrant Articles									

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4215-4219	Ambulance	28	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$0
	Purpose: Rescue Squad Stipend							
4312	Highways and Streets	21	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
	Purpose: Upgrade of Blacktop Roads							
4312	Highways and Streets	20	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
	Purpose: Upgrade Gravel Roads							
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	30	\$0	\$0	\$1,250	\$0	\$1,250	\$0
	Purpose: Sutton Athletic Fields							
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	29	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	Purpose: Solid Waste Plastic Compactor							
Individual Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$94,250	\$0	\$94,250	\$0

Revenues

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	15	\$31,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	15	\$42	\$41	\$41
3189	Other Taxes		\$38,000	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	15	\$60,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	15	\$32,000	\$344,600	\$344,600
3230	Building Permits	15	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	15	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	15	\$88,772	\$88,720	\$88,720
3353	Highway Block Grant	15	\$101,835	\$101,000	\$101,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	15	\$20	\$20	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments	15	\$35,000	\$63,000	\$63,000
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	15	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
3409	Other Charges	15	\$100	\$100	\$100
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	15	\$40,000	\$35,900	\$35,900
3502	Interest on Investments	15	\$200	\$400	\$400
3503-3509	Other	15, 31	\$33,848	\$75,000	\$75,000

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Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	24, 17, 31, 22, 23	\$90,000	\$440,000	\$440,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	15	\$863	\$863	\$863
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	15	\$250,000	\$100,000	\$185,595
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits				\$1,370,644	\$1,456,219

Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Selectmen's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$2,089,215	\$2,160,029	\$2,160,029
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$325,000	\$923,880	\$923,880
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$333,308	\$94,250	\$94,250
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$2,747,523	\$3,178,159	\$3,178,159
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,023,551	\$1,370,644	\$1,456,219
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,723,972	\$1,807,515	\$1,721,940

Budget Committee Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee			\$3,178,159
Less Exclusions:			
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	4711	\$42,117	\$42,117
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	4721	\$21,175	\$21,175
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes			\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments			\$0
6. Total Exclusions (<i>Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above</i>)			\$63,292
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)			\$3,114,867
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 7 x 10%</i>)			\$311,487
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:			
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)			\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)			\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (<i>Difference of Lines 9 and 10</i>)			\$0
Mandatory Water & Waste Treatment Facilities (RSA 32:21):			
12. Amount Recommended (Prior to Meeting)			\$0
13. Amount Voted (Voted at Meeting)			\$0
14. Amount voted over recommended amount (<i>Difference of Lines 12 and 13</i>)			\$0
15. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted			\$0
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted At Meeting:			
<i>(Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 15)</i>			\$3,489,646

TOWN OF SUTTON, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN MEETING, MARCH 10, 2015

The Sutton Deputy Town Moderator, Derek Lick, opened the doors at 8:00 a.m., showed the empty ballot box and announced to the public that voting was in session.

Derek Lick, Deputy Moderator, closed the polls at 7:00 p.m. There were 1,425 already registered voters. 290 ballots were cast (which included 17 absentee ballots and 1 same day newly registered voter) to choose all necessary Town Officers (and Kearsarge Regional School Officers) for the ensuing year as well as voting on the KRSD ballot articles.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Selectmen:

Bob Wright – 191

Christopher Rowe – 89

Town Clerk/Tax Collector:

Linda Ford – 245

Overseer of Public Welfare:

Allison Doherty-Jones – 267

Trustee of the Trust Funds:

To be appointed

Budget Committee:

Robert DeFelice – 251

Lynn King – By tie vote

Cemetery Commission: (3 Year Term)

Marilyn Thompson – 272

Cemetery Commission: (1 Year Term)

Harold B. Rowe, Sr. – 269

Trustees, Sutton Free Library: (3 Year Term)

Yvonne Howard – 251

Angela Gosselin – 250

Trustees, Sutton Free Library: (2 Year Term)

Maria Caccavo – 267

Trustees, Sutton Free Library: (1 Year Term)

Nancy Brook-Heckel – 270

Write Ins for each office are attached at the end of these minutes.

School Ballot Results are:

Question 1:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the Municipal Budget Committee’s recommended amount of \$39,927,378 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the District. The School Board recommends \$39,927,378. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. This warrant article asks the voters to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, the salaries of School District Officials and Agents, and for the statutory obligations of said District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State sources, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen of each of the Towns of Bradford, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot, the amount to be raised by taxation by said towns. **(School Board Recommends 8-0) (Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 7-1)**

- A. \$39,927,378 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the School Board.
A received 156 votes.
- B. \$39,927,378 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee.
B received 89 votes.

Question 2:

To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Kearsarge Regional School Board and the Para Educators Association of Kearsarge which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2015-16	\$143,300
2016-17	\$147,739

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$143,300 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. **(School Board recommends 8-0) (Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 8-0)**
YES - 179
NO - 108

Question 3:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to **twenty-five thousand (\$25,000)** to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund established in 2008 within the provisions of RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of emergency funding of unforeseen Special Education costs incurred by the District, with such amount to be funded **from surplus funds remaining** on hand as of June 30, 2015. **(School Board recommends 8-0) (Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 8-0)**

YES - 187

NO - 93

Question 4:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to **one hundred thousand (\$100,000)** to be placed in the School Buildings Maintenance Fund for the purpose of repair, unanticipated utility costs, and maintaining the school buildings and equipment, with such amount to be funded **from surplus funds remaining** on hand as of June 30, 2015. **(School Board recommends 8-0) (Municipal Budget Committee recommends 8-0)**

YES - 201

NO - 83

For Moderator for 1 Year:

Brackett L. Scheffy - 257

Continued meeting from March 10, 2015. Robert Wright, Jr., Deputy Moderator, opened the meeting at approximately 7:10 p.m. Mr. Wright introduced himself and gave a brief explanation as to why Town Moderator Greg Gill was not in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed. Officers for the ensuing year were sworn in. Mr. Wright explained that he would take the oath of office on Monday 03-16-2015 as tonight he was acting as Moderator.

A moment of silence was observed for those residents we lost in 2014. Bud Nelson wished to recognize Gary Wilcox and Darrel Palmer for all their years of service as Deputy Fire Wardens explaining that they had stepped down from those positions.

Mr. Wright discussed the rules of the day, the exits and that Robert's Rules of Order will be followed for the meeting.

A motion was made by Joe Burns and seconded by Charlie Whittemore to dispense with the reading of the papers.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 2: After the deputy Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Emilio Cancio-Bello and seconded by Jean LaChance to accept Article 2 as written. **To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of \$2,089,215 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.**

4130	Executive	\$ 153,282
4140	Election & Registration	\$ 2,850
4150	Financial Administration	\$ 60,529
4150	Executive Financial Administration	\$ 21,270
4152	Revaluation of Property	\$ 8,000
4153	Legal Expense	\$ 28,000
4155	Personnel Administration	\$ 136,253
4191	Planning Board and Zoning	\$ 42,500
4194	General Government Buildings	\$ 26,250
4195	Cemeteries	\$ 14,000
4196	Insurance	\$ 74,000
4197	Regional Planning Commission	\$ 2,032
4210	Police Department	\$ 430,041
4215	Ambulance	\$ 43,027
4220	Fire Department	\$ 56,325
4240	Building Inspection	\$ 8,900
4290	Emergency Management	\$ 1,300
4299	Dispatching Services	\$ 24,608
4312	Highway Department	\$ 649,100
4313	Bridges	\$ 3,000
4316	Street Lighting	\$ 8,000
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 146,100
4411	Health Administration	\$ 2,100
4415	Health Agencies	\$ 5,339
4443	Welfare Administration & Direct Assist.	\$ 19,613
4520	Culture & Recreation	\$ 11,863
4550	Library	\$ 41,485
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$ 1,000
4611	Conservation Commission	\$ 3,232
4721	Debt Service	\$ 65,216

Article 2 passed by voice vote.

Article 3: After the deputy Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Bill Curless and seconded by Emilio Cancio-Bello to accept Article 3 as written. **To see if**

the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$260,250 to be added to the various Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:

Conservation Land	\$ 7,000
Highway Equipment Trucks	\$ 85,000
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 3,000
Forest Fire Equipment	\$ 250
Fire Equipment Replacement	\$ 25,000
Rescue Vehicle	\$ 10,000
Property Revaluation	\$ 22,000
Cemetery	\$ 5,000
Library Building Maintenance	\$ 3,000
Highway Facility Shed	\$ 10,000
Highway Pickup Truck	\$ 5,000
Fire Department Addition	\$ 25,000
Legal Fees	\$ 5,000
Highway Backhoe	\$ 50,000
Records Preservation	\$ 2,000
Pillsbury Memorial Hall	\$ 3,000
Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.	

Article 3 passed by voice vote.

Article 4: After the deputy Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Garrett Evans and seconded by Bill Curless to accept Article 4 as written. **To see if the town will vote to establish a Corporation Hill Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for engineering, permitting and repairs for Corporation Hill Road and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.** Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 4 passed by voice vote.

Article 5: After the deputy Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Jean LaChance and seconded by Loring Ford to accept Article 5 as written. **To see if the town will vote to establish a Cemetery Fence and Tombstone Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairs to fences and tombstones and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name**

the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Budget Committee.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 5 passed by voice vote.

Article 6: After the deputy Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Pete Thompson and seconded by Garrett Evans to accept Article 6 as written. **To see if the town will vote to establish an Old Fire House Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repair or demolition of the Old Fire House and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.** Recommended by the Budget Committee.
Recommend by the Board of Selectmen.

Walter Baker, Jr. made a motion and Kevin Rowe seconded to amend Article 6 to read as follows: **"To see if the town will vote to establish an Old Fire House Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repair, demolition or replacement of the Old Fire House and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund."**

Motion made by Thomas Sullivan and seconded by Mike McManus to accept Article 6 as amended.

Amendment to Article 6 failed by voice vote.

Article 6 passed as originally submitted with no amendments by voice vote.

Article 7: After the deputy Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Bud Nelson and seconded by Emilio Cancio-Bello to accept Article 7 as written. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of upgrading gravel town roads.**

Article 7 passed voice vote.

Article 8: After the deputy Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Bud Nelson and seconded by Emilio Cancio-Bello to accept Article 8 as written. **To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum**

of \$75,000 for the purpose of upgrading blacktop town roads.

Article 8 passed voice vote.

Article 9: After the deputy Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Pete Thompson and seconded by Harold Rowe, Sr. to accept Article 9 as written. **To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of engineering, design and permitting for the Hominy Pot Bridge and to authorize the withdrawal of \$50,000 from the Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund established in 1959 for that purpose.** No amount to be raised by general taxation. Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 9 passed voice vote.

Article 10: After the deputy Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Charlie Whittemore and seconded by Bob DeFelice to accept Article 10 as written. **To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,000 for the layout and upgrade of Fox Chase Road as a Town Road conforming to current standards and requirements over existing private rights-of-way pending the outcome of a betterment assessment. Pursuant to RSA Chapter 231, Laying Out Highways, Sections 28-33, a petition to conditionally layout this road has been submitted to the Board of Selectmen and this project will be subject to betterment assessments and will have no impact on the tax rate.**

Motion was made by Pete Thompson and seconded by Harold Rowe, Sr. to table Article 10. **Ballot vote was taken. 136 ballots cast. Yes received 66 votes and No received 70 votes.**

Motion was made by Tom Sullivan and seconded by Sondra Brake to increase the amount of \$38,000 to \$47,000. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion made to accept Article 10 as amended passed by ballot vote. 136 ballots cast.

Yes received 103 votes and No received 33 votes.

Article 10 passed by ballot vote as amended.

Article 11: After the deputy Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Emilio Cancio-Bello and seconded by Jean LaChance to accept Article 11 as written. **To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 for the purpose of buying a one-ton truck equipped and further to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$40,000 from the Highway Equipment Fund established in 1993 for that purpose.** The total amount to be raised by general taxation is \$45,000. Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 11 passed voice vote.

Article 12: After the deputy Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Bill Curless and seconded by Jean LaChance to accept Article 12 as written. **To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of masonry repairs to the Pillsbury Memorial Hall.**

Article 12 passed voice vote.

Article 13: After the deputy Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Bud Nelson and seconded by Charles Ash to accept Article 13 as written. **To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of activities celebrating the 100th year anniversary of Old Home Day in Sutton.**

Article 13 passed voice vote.

Article 14: After the deputy Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Bud Nelson and seconded by Garret Evans to accept Article 14 as written. **To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of repairs to the Old Store Museum.**

Article 14 passed voice vote.

Article 15: After the deputy Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Bud Nelson and seconded by Carl Smith to accept Article 15 as written. **To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for the purpose of a municipal boundary survey of the Sutton/Warner town line.**

Article 15 passed by voice vote.

Article 16: After the deputy Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Garret Evans and seconded by Charles Ash to accept Article 16 as written. **Petitioned: I support a warrant article to be added to the 2015 Ballot for the Town of Sutton asking for \$1,250 to support Sutton Athletic Fields. This is a Petitioned Warrant Article. Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

A motion was made by Mike Cornelio and seconded by Joe Burns to amend Article 16 to read as follows: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250 to support the Sutton Athletic Fields. This is a Petitioned Warrant Article.

Motion to amend Article 16 passed voice vote.

Article 16 passed as amended by voice vote.

Article 17: After the deputy Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Kevin Rowe and seconded by Garret Evans to accept Article 17 as written. **To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,808 for Library improvement projects. The Library received \$10,808 in unanticipated donations during the 2014 fiscal year which were not expended. This money has been earmarked for library improvement projects delayed in 2014 due to building maintenance issues. The Library requests permission to spend the funds during 2015. No amount is to be raised by general taxation.**

Article 17 passed by voice vote.

Article 18: After the deputy Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Bill Curless and seconded by Bud Nelson to accept Article 18 as written. **To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to enter into a four (4) year lease agreement for \$32,000 for the purpose of leasing a police cruiser and to raise and appropriate \$17,000 which includes \$8,000 for the first year's payment, \$8,500 for equipping the vehicle and \$500 for decaling it. Should this article pass the \$8,000 lease payments will be added to the police operating budget for the next three (3) years. This agreement contains an escape clause. This is a Petitioned Warrant Article. The Budget**

Committee does not recommend. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 18 passed by voice vote.

Article 19: After the deputy Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Dan Baker and seconded by Garrett Evans to accept Article 19 as written. **To see if the town will vote to rescind the ordinance adopted in 1982 requiring a licensing for certain public functions and to adopt an ordinance to Regulate Large Public Gatherings as proposed by the Board of Selectmen.**

Dan Sundquist provided a Power Point Presentation.

Motion made by Dan Sundquist and seconded by Charles Nelson to table Article 19.

Article 19 tabled.

Article 20: After the deputy Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Charles Ash and seconded by Garrett Evans to accept Article 20 as written. **To see if the town will vote to adopt a Noise Ordinance as proposed by the Board of Selectmen.**

Dan Sundquist provided a Power Point Presentation.

Motion made by Bill Curless and seconded by Jean LaChance to table Article 20.

Article 20 tabled.

Bud Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mike McManus. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda D. Ford
Certified Town Clerk/Tax Collector

The Mercier Group

a professional corporation

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*To the Members of the Selectboard and Management
Town of Sutton, New Hampshire*

Report on the Financial Statements. We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.¹

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements. Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluation the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluation the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions. In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Required Supplementary Information. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *Management's Discussion and Analysis* beginning on page iii and the budgetary information presented in the section marked *Required Supplementary Information* be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Report on Combining and Individual Fund Statements and Schedules. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Paul J. Mercier, Jr. cpa for
The Mercier Group, a professional corporation
Canterbury, New Hampshire
January 27, 2016

¹Please refer to the full set of GAAP financial statements on file with the Selectboard and not the individual reports and schedules published in the Town Report.

Town Administrator's Report

The following is a brief summary of the Town's finances at year end. The Town's undesignated fund balance was \$660,445, down \$4,230 from last year. The Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) suggests that municipalities retain between 8% and 17% of regular general fund operating expenditures. In NH, this is calculated by adding the municipality's general fund operating appropriations, the education tax amount, the local school net tax commitment and the county appropriation.

Last year, we used \$250,000 in undesignated fund balance to offset the tax rate, thus, dropping the fund balance down to \$414,675 or 5.28%. At the end of the year, operating expenses were offset by revenues. Unspent funds that were not encumbered were returned to the operating budget. Consequently at year's end, the Town's fund balance was at 8% and once again within acceptable parameters.

In 2015, the following funds were encumbered to complete projects:	
Upgrade of Blacktop Roads (also previous years)	244,608.00
Town-wide Revaluation	7,901.00
Old Store Museum (also previous years)	3,188.00
Pillsbury Memorial Hall Masonry Repairs	10,000.00
Hominy Pot Bridge	50,000.00
Fire Truck	8,905.41
Corporation Hill Bridge Study	14,695.00

In addition, we had inter-fund receivables from the Capital Reserves of \$40,000 for the truck we purchased and \$50,000 for Hominy Pot Bridge Project. Therefore, a summary report on page 58 has been included in this year's Annual Report to provide a clearer understanding of the balances in the fund as accrued, as opposed to cash basis (calendar year) which is how the Trustees are required to present their financial reports.

The total tax rate for 2015 was \$26.98 per thousand, up \$2.79 from last year. Sutton's portion of the tax in the amount of \$6.80 per thousand reflects a \$.76 increase over 2014. Other factors that make up the total tax rate are the Local School Rate (KRSD) at \$14.57, the State School Rate at \$2.54 and the County Rate at \$3.07. The balance of the overall increase in the tax rate was directly related to a \$1.82 increase in the Local School Rate, a \$.07 increase in the State Education Tax and a \$.14 increase in the County Tax. In 2015, Sutton's property valuation went down \$12,171,763 to a total valuation of \$253,721,168. This downturn in valuation is a result of the town-wide revaluation which reassesses the Town based on current market values. The Town's equaliza-

tion ratio was set by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue at 100.5% in 2015.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Elly Phillips

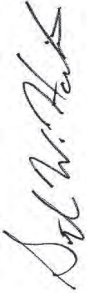
Town Administrator

2015 Tax Rate Calculation

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,723,972	\$253,721,168	\$6.80
County	\$780,122	\$253,721,168	\$3.07
Local Education	\$3,696,482	\$253,721,168	\$14.57
State Education	\$635,669	\$250,118,158	\$2.54
Total	\$6,836,245		\$26.98

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

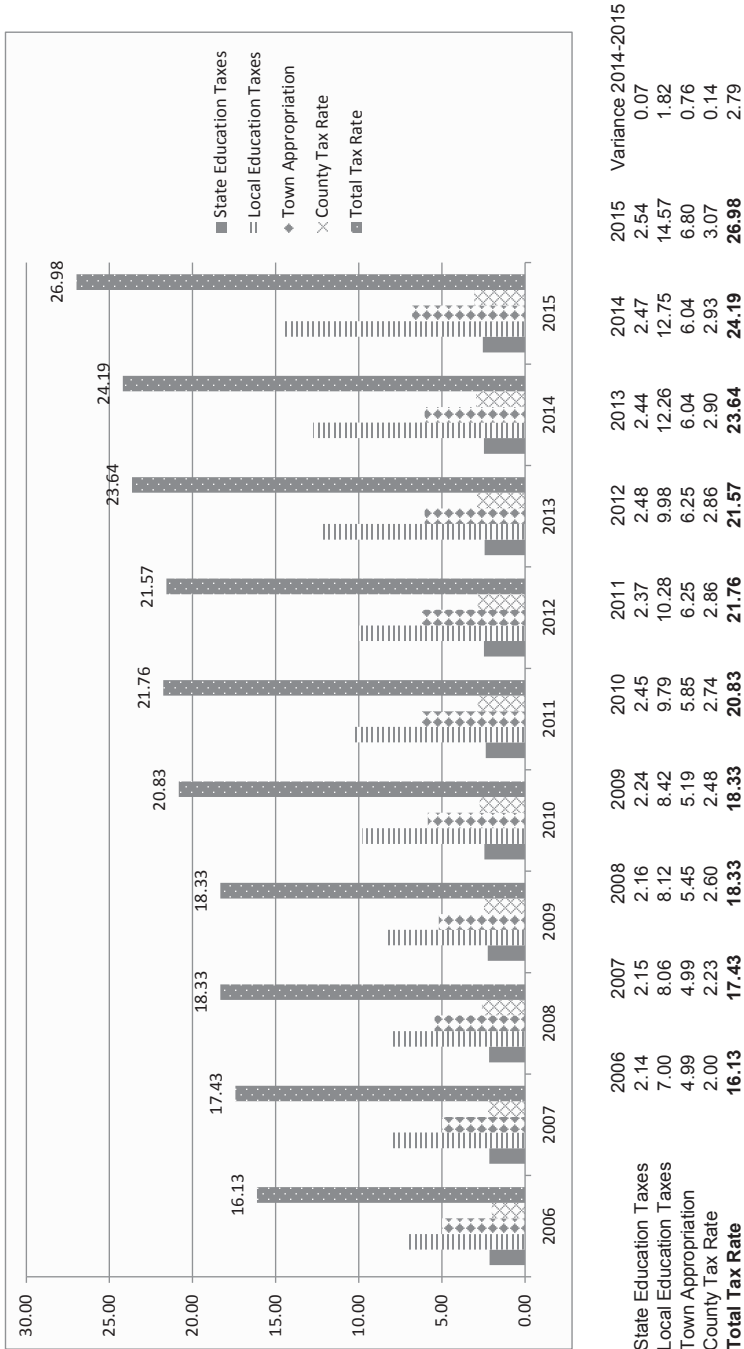
Tax Commitment Calculation			
Total Municipal Tax Effort			\$6,836,245
War Service Credits			(\$63,000)
Village District Tax Effort			\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment			\$6,773,245



Stephan Hamilton
Director of Municipal and Property Division
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

10/21/2015

2015 Sutton Tax Rate Comparison



Summary of 2015 Inventory Valuation

Value of Land Only	Number of Acres	2015 Assessed Valuation
Current Use at Current Use Values	18,900.61	\$ 1,143,698.00
Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved)	4,758.72	\$ 102,436,800.00
Commercial and Industrial Land	485.66	\$ 2,722,850.00
Total of Taxable Land	24,144.99	106,303,348.00
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Land	1,741.56	\$ 9,899,028.00

Value of Buildings Only		
Residential	\$	136,219,340.00
Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31	\$	128,260.00
Commercial & Industrial (not including utilities)	\$	8,177,210.00
Total of Taxable Buildings	\$	144,524,810.00
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Buildings	\$	26,115,150.00
Utilities	\$	3,603,010.00
Valuations Before Exemptions	\$	254,431,168.00

Elderly Exemption		
Total # Granted	10	\$ 710,000.00
Net Valuation		\$ 253,721,168.00
Less Utilities		\$ 3,603,010.00
Net Valuation without Utilities to Compute State Education Tax		\$ 250,118,158.00

Veterans Tax Credit		
Veterans Tax Credit \$500	110	\$ 55,000.00
Tax Credit for Service Connected Disability \$2000	4	\$ 8,000.00

Current Use Report		
Farmland	531.78	\$ 192,787.00
Forestland	13412.03	\$ 797,156.00
Forestland with documented Stewardship	3914.29	\$ 136,805.00
Unproductive Land	70.1	\$ 1,193.00
Wetland	972.41	\$ 15,757.00
Total	18900.61	\$ 1,143,698.00

Acres Receiving 20% Recreational Adjustment	9173.45
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	354
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	477

Town of Sutton Balance Sheet

December 31, 2015

Assets

Cash & Investments in hands of Treasurer:

Cash in Checking	\$1,852,660.41	
Sutton Free Library	10,108.11	
Conservation Commission	106,972.98	
King Hill Reservation	6,571.81	
Cash in performance deposits	16,349.29	\$1,992,662.60

Capital & Non-Capital Reserve Fund

Investments, net of interfund payables	1,444,318.06
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Uncollected Taxes:

Property	426,289.13
Timber yield	1,318.59
Fox Chase Road Betterment Assessments	22,305.70
Current land use change (100% to CC)	4,530.00

Unredeemed Taxes:

Levies of 1 prior year	128,211.21	
Levies of 2 prior years	51,834.61	
Levies of prior years	14,067.11	
Allowance for uncollectible taxes	<u>(10,000.00)</u>	638,556.35

Accounts Receivable	1,500.00
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Due from Capital Reserves	<u>90,000.00</u>
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\$4,167,037.01

Liabilities and Equity

Accounts Payable & accrued expenses	\$452.39
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Deferred inflow of taxes	250,000.00
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Encumbrances:

Upgrade blacktop roads	\$244,608.00	
Town-wide revaluation	7,901.00	
Repairs to Old Store Museum	3,188.00	
Pillsbury Hall masonry repairs	10,000.00	
Hominy Pot Bridge engineering	50,000.00	
Fire truck	8,905.41	
Grist Mill Bridge/Corporation Hill	<u>14,695.00</u>	339,297.41

Sutton Free Library	10,108.11
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Conservation Commission	111,502.98
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King Hill Reservation	6,571.81
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Performance Deposits	16,349.29
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Due to School District	1,327,990.99
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Capital & Non-Capital Reserve Funds,
net of interfund payables:

Town Bridges	107,528.31	
Forest Fire Equipment	4,494.34	
Solid Waste/Transfer Station	58,298.19	
Legal Fees	30,525.63	
Highway Department Equipment	167,181.35	
Revaluation	22,019.36	
Highway Garage Addition	50,295.08	
Highway Pick-up Truck	17,121.98	
Highway Grader	63,292.20	
Highway Loader	225,594.98	
Fire Equipment	25,041.84	
Conservation Land	94,800.73	
Highway Emergency Equipment	19,700.75	
Milfoil	22,734.57	
Fire Department Maintenance	2,310.66	
Library Maintenance	8,157.65	
Cemetery Maintenance	1,154.58	
Fire Department Addition	266,620.71	
Records Preservation	4,010.84	
Highway Backhoe	110,077.15	
Rescue Vehicle	45,049.35	
Pillsbury Memorial Hall	7,008.43	
Cemetery Land	20,014.29	
Corporation Hill Road Improvements	50,006.06	
Cemetery Fences & Tombstones	3,500.42	
Old Fire House	10,001.21	
Forest Fire Salaries	4,506.94	
Accrued Benefits	3,270.46	1,444,318.06
		<u>3,506,591.04</u>
Fund Balance		
Unassigned Fund Balance		660,445.97
		<u><u>\$4,167,037.01</u></u>

Town Clerk-Tax Collector Report

Another year has come and gone. I want to apologize for the fact that most of January, 2016 the office worked on shortened hours. I was severely sick and Jennifer had other commitments she had to attend to. It was not my intention to anger any of you and I sincerely understand that I did. All I can say is that I am sorry and I am on the mend. I thank those of you who cared enough to inquire as to my wellbeing. For those that left nasty uncalled for messages I'm sorry that you were inconvenienced. It certainly was not my intention to be so ill. But on to other more important matters. Jennifer and I have increased our office hours. We are now open on Mondays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; as well as the normal hours of Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

There will be four elections in 2016. If you want absentee ballots e-mail us at lfordtctc@hotmail.com and we will get the application forms out to you. We want to say a big THANK YOU to the Highway guys for helping set-up and take down the voting booths for each election. THANK YOU to our neighbors for opening up their driveways on election days. And THANK YOU to you the residents for another year as your town clerk/tax collector and deputy town clerk/tax collector.

I want to personally thank Jennifer Carson for another great year. She is an invaluable employee and keeps me in line.

The Town implemented a new phone system this year. We can now be reached at 603-927-4575; 603-927-2401 and 603-927-2415. Our fax line is 603-927-4646.

We are also hoping to implement a new software program for taxes as well as a program called E-Reg. The E-Reg program will allow for online registrations, dog licenses, vital records requests and allow for residents to get estimates on costs for new vehicles. Check our website out www.suffontownclerk.com for updates.

And as usual if you have any questions please give us a call.

Happy 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Ford
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Jennifer Carson
Deputy, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Report of the Town Clerk For the Period of January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

Location Town MA Fee	\$9,116.00
Aquatherm	\$1.50
Checklist Fee	\$300.00
Basic License	\$175.50
Dog Group 5+	\$175.50
Dog Altered	\$1,496.50
Dog Civil Forfeiture	\$462.00
Dog Late Town	\$28.00
Dog Senior	\$135.00
Dog State Fees	\$798.50
Dog State Tag	\$249.00
Loc town Permit Fees	\$344,560.77
Marriage License	\$435.00
Main In Fee	\$6.74
Miscellaneous	\$101.74
Insufficient Funds Fee	\$85.00
Loc Town Clerk Fees	\$4,482.00
Loc Town Title fees	\$896.00
Loc Town Trans Fee	\$940.00
UCC	\$120.00
Vital 2nd Copy	\$140.00
Vital 1st Copy	\$480.00

	\$365,184.75
Insufficient Fund Check (\$19.00)	
	\$365,165.75

Submitted by:

Linda D. Ford
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Summary Report of the Trust Funds

NAME OF FUND	Purpose	Principal & Income End of Year	2015 Authorized Withdrawals	Beginning 2016
TOWN BRIDGES	CAPITAL RESERVE	157,528.31	50,000.00	107,528.31
FOREST FIRE EQUIPMENT	CAPITAL RESERVE	4,494.34		4,494.34
SOLID WASTE/ TRANSFER STATION	CAPITAL RESERVE	58,298.19		58,298.19
LEGAL FEES	CAPITAL RESERVE	30,525.63		30,525.63
HIGHWAY EQUIP	CAPITAL RESERVE	207,181.35	40,000.00	167,181.35
REVALUATION	CAPITAL RESERVE	22,019.36		22,019.36
RECYCLE FACILITY	CAPITAL RESERVE	0.00		0.00
HIGHWAY GARAGE	CAPITAL RESERVE	50,295.08		50,295.08
HWY PICKUP TRUCK	CAPITAL RESERVE	17,121.98		17,121.98
HIGHWAY GRADER	CAPITAL RESERVE	63,292.20		63,292.20
HIGHWAY LOADER	CAPITAL RESERVE	225,594.98		225,594.98
FIRE EQUIP	CAPITAL RESERVE	25,041.84		25,041.84
CONSERVATION LAND	CAPITAL RESERVE	94,800.73		94,800.73
HWY EMERGENCY	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	19,700.75		19,700.75
MILFOIL	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	22,734.57		22,734.57
FIRE DEPT MAINT	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	2,310.66		2,310.66
LIBRARY MAINT	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	8,157.65		8,157.65
CEMETERY MAINT	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	1,154.58		1,154.58
FIRE DEPT ADDN CRF	CAPITAL RESERVE	266,620.71		266,620.71
RECORD PRESERVATION	CAPITAL RESERVE	4,010.84		4,010.84
HIGHWAY BACKHOE CRF	CAPITAL RESERVE	110,077.15		110,077.15
RESCUE VEHICLE CRF	CAPITAL RESERVE	45,049.35		45,049.35
PILLSBURY MEMORIAL CRF	CAPITAL RESERVE	7,008.43		7,008.43
CEMETERY LAND	CAPITAL RESERVE	20,014.29		20,014.29
TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS		1,463,032.97	90,000.00	1,373,032.97
TOTAL ALL TRUSTS		200,739.27	863.00	199,876.27
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		1,663,772.24	180,863.00	1,572,909.24

Respectfully submitted,

Elly Phillips

Town Administrator

Report of the Trust Funds

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REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF SUTTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DEC 2015

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Purpose of Trust	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL			***INCOME***			GRAND TOTAL	
				Balance beginning of year	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance beginning of year	Income during Year		Expended During Year
various	126 CEMETERY TRUSTS (COMMON FUND)	PERPETUAL CARE	NHFDIP*	29,775.81			29,775.81	74.09	22.26	96.35	29,872.16
1966	CEMETERY GENL TRUST	GENL CARE	NHFDIP*	12,241.00	1,200.00		13,441.00	2.07	9.10	11.17	13,452.17
1916	ORIN NELSON	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	1,000.00			1,000.00	1.88	0.67	2.55	1,002.55
1918	JOHN PRESSEY	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	1,000.00			1,000.00	1.88	0.67	2.55	1,002.55
1943	LEWIS RICHARDS	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	300.00			300.00	0.00	0.20	0.20	300.20
1967	DOUGLAS ANDERSON	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	1,000.00			1,000.00	1.88	0.67	2.55	1,002.55
1971	GRACE P. NELSON	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	48,560.10			48,560.10	187.44	35.06	222.50	48,782.60
1988	ADA P. ANDERSON	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	3,000.00			3,000.00	10.37	2.03	12.40	3,012.40
		BOOKS									
1988	F.B.WADLEIGH	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	4,168.21			4,168.21	14.95	2.81	17.76	4,185.97
2000	AMELIA CHAPMAN	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	10,000.00			10,000.00	38.81	6.79	45.60	10,045.60
1909	MARY EATON	SCHOOLS	NHFDIP*	150.00			150.00	29.73	0.12	29.85	179.85
		WORTHY									
1916	ORIN NELSON	POOR	NHFDIP*	1,085.00			1,085.00	1,903.24	2.02	1,905.26	2,990.26
1930	JOHN EATON	SCHOOLS	NHFDIP*	500.00			500.00	95.06	0.40	95.46	595.46
1944	FRED E. NELSON	TOWN	NHFDIP*	1,510.24			1,510.24	0.00	1.01	1.01	1,511.25
1944	FRED E. NELSON	MISC. TOWN	NHFDIP*	4,073.20		263.00	3,810.20	0.00	2.57	2.57	3,812.77
1966	HELENA W. WELLS	MUSEUM	NHFDIP*	10,118.25		600.00	9,518.25	2,427.19	8.08	2,435.27	11,953.52
1989	SUTTON RESCUE**	RESCUE SQUAD	NHFDIP*	3,001.46			3,001.46	304.33	2.23	306.56	3,308.02
1990	VOL. FIRE DEPT**	FIRE DEPT	NHFDIP*	20,540.73			20,540.73	6.32	15.97	22.29	20,563.02
1994	FOREST FIRE SALARIES**	SALARIES	NHFDIP*	3,404.11			3,404.11	1,099.79	3.04	1,102.83	4,506.94
		EMPLOYEE									
1994	ACCRUED BENEFITS**	BENEFITS	NHFDIP*	3,199.93			3,199.93	68.33	2.20	70.53	3,270.46
2003	N SUTTON CEM R FUND**	REP & MAINT	NHFDIP*	31,245.82			31,245.82	3,115.28	25.32	3,140.60	34,386.42
2008	FAY PUGLIESE LIBRARY	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	1,000.00			1,000.00	1.88	0.67	2.55	1,002.55
	CUMULATIVE TOTALS - ALL TRUSTS			190,873.86	1,200.00	863.00	191,210.86	9,384.52	143.89	9,528.41	200,739.27

* NH PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL

** EXPENDABLE TRUST

Report of the Trust Funds

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF SUTTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE										FOR THE YEAR ENDING DE 31-Dec-15				GRAND TOTAL
PRINCIPAL										***INCOME***			Principal & Income	
Date of Creation	NAME OF FUND	Purpose	HOW INVESTED	Balance beginning of year	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance beginning of year	Income during Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	End of Year		
1959	TOWN BRIDGES	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	187,296.68		30,000.00	157,296.68	116.53	115.10		231.63	157,528.31		
1980	FOREST FIRE EQUIPMENT	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	3,386.74	250.00		3,636.74	854.71	2.89		857.60	4,494.34		
1982	SOLID WASTE/TRANSFER STATION	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	53,659.09	3,000.00		56,659.09	1,597.22	41.88		1,639.10	58,298.19		
1988	LEGAL FEES	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	25,489.58	5,000.00		30,489.58	16.12	19.93		36.05	30,525.63		
1993	HIGHWAY EQUIP	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	122,065.76	85,000.00		207,065.76	16.28	99.31		115.59	207,181.35		
1996	REVALUATION	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	86,856.22	22,000.00	86,856.22	22,000.00	89.23	2.91	72.78	19.36	22,019.36		
1996	RECYCLE FACILITY	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	0.00			0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00		
1998	HIGHWAY GARAGE	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	40,238.62	10,000.00		50,238.62	25.93	30.53		56.46	50,295.08		
1998	HWY PICKUP TRUCK	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	12,109.61	5,000.00		17,109.61	3.58	8.79		12.37	17,121.98		
2001	HIGHWAY GRADER	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	63,240.58			63,240.58	4.70	46.92		51.62	63,292.20		
2001	HIGHWAY LOADER	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	211,000.00			211,000.00	14,429.85	165.13		14,594.98	225,594.98		
2005	FIRE EQUIP	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	37.64	25,000.00		25,037.64	1.14	3.06		4.20	25,041.84		
2005	CONSERVATION LAND	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	87,711.18	7,000.00		94,711.18	25.00	64.55		89.55	94,800.73		
2002	HWY EMERGENCY	NONCAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	18,000.00			18,000.00	1,685.36	15.39		1,700.75	19,700.75		
2002	MILFOIL	NONCAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	20,000.00			20,000.00	2,717.12	17.45		2,734.57	22,734.57		
2005	FIRE DEPT MAINT	NONCAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	2,000.00			2,000.00	309.10	1.56		310.66	2,310.66		
2005	LIBRARY MAINT	NONCAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	5,000.00	3,000.00		8,000.00	153.81	3.84		157.65	8,157.65		
2005	CEMETERY MAINT	NONCAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	1,000.00			1,000.00	153.81	0.77		154.58	1,154.58		
2007	FIRE DEPT ADDN CRF	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	237,500.00	25,000.00		262,500.00	3,939.86	180.85		4,120.71	266,620.71		
2010	RECORD PRESERVATION	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	2,009.23	2,000.00		4,009.23	0.00	1.61		1.61	4,010.84		
2011	HIGHWAY BACKHOE CRF	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	60,000.00	50,000.00		110,000.00	26.33	50.82		77.15	110,077.15		
2011	RESCUE VEHICLE CRF	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	35,000.00	10,000.00		45,000.00	22.38	26.97		49.35	45,049.35		
2011	PILLSBURY MEMORIAL CRF	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	4,005.36	3,000.00		7,005.36	0.00	3.07		3.07	7,008.43		
2012	CEMETERY LAND	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDP*	15,000.00	5,000.00		20,000.00	3.54	10.75		14.29	20,014.29		
	TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS			1,292,606.29	260,250.00	116,856.22	1,436,000.07	26,191.60	914.08	72.78	27,032.90	1,463,032.97		
	TOTAL ALL TRUSTS			190,873.86	1,200.00	863.00	191,210.86	9,394.52	143.89	0.00	9,528.41	200,739.27		
	TOTAL ALL FUNDS			1,483,480.15	261,450.00	117,719.22	1,627,210.93	35,576.12	1,057.97	72.78	36,561.31	1,663,772.24		

* NH PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL

Treasurer's Report

Town of Sutton, New Hampshire 2015 Treasurer's Report

	General Fund	Conservation Commission	King Hill Reservation	Performance Deposits	Total
Beginning Balances	1,965,073.03	93,629.67	7,560.98	16,772.32	2,083,036.00
Receipts:					
Tax Collector	6,811,920.60				6,811,920.60
Town Clerk	365,184.75				365,184.75
State of New Hampshire	192,676.06				192,676.06
Town Office & Other Departments	47,018.35				47,018.35
Sale of municipal property	43,160.17				43,160.17
Interest on deposits	438.85	138.31	10.83	8.22	596.21
Other local sources	25,315.36				25,315.36
Withdrawal from Capital Reserves	116,929.00				116,929.00
Distributions from Nonexpendable Trusts	863.00				863.00
Tax Anticipation Notes	950,000.00				950,000.00
Conservation Income(Land Use Charge 100%)		8,675.00			8,675.00
	8,553,506.14	8,813.31	10.83	8.22	8,562,338.50
Disbursements:					
Selectboard Orders Paid	8,665,918.76			431.25	8,666,350.01
Conservation Commission Orders Paid		-	1,000.00		1,000.00
	8,665,918.76	-	1,000.00	431.25	8,667,350.01
Ending Balance	1,852,660.41	102,442.98	6,571.81	16,349.29	1,978,024.49
Bank Balances:					
Lake Sunapee Savings Bank	1,852,660.41			1,250.79	1,853,911.20
TD Banknorth	-	102,442.98	6,571.81	15,098.50	124,113.29
	1,852,660.41	102,442.98	6,571.81	16,349.29	1,978,024.49

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorri Himes, Treasurer

Lorri Himes, Treasurer

Treasurer's Agency Report

TOWN OF SUTTON
Agency Funds - Summary of Changes in Assets and Liabilities
FYE December 31, 2015

Depositor	Date Established	Purpose	Type of Deposit	Bank/Ins. Company	Account/ Policy Number	Balance Beginning	Additions		Balance Ending
							Deposits Received	Interest Credited	
Z Ventures Corporation Industrial Tower & Wire, LLC	051229	Performance bond	Cash	TD Bank North	9721940298	15,090.95	-	7.55	15,098.50
	131205	Performance bond	Cash	Lake Sunapee	210644092	1,681.37	-	0.67	1,250.79
						16,772.32	-	8.22	16,349.29

Conservation Commission 2015

	Conservation Commission accounts		
	Conservation Commission	King Hill Reservation	Total
REVENUES			
RSA 79-A (100% of CU collections)	13,205.00		13,205.00
Interest on deposits	138.31	10.83	149.14
	13,343.31	10.83	13,354.14
EXPENDITURES			
Current - Conservation			
King Hill Mowing & Tree Work		1,000.00	1,000.00
	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Net change in fund balances	13,343.31	(989.17)	12,354.14
Fund balances - beginning	93,629.67	7,560.98	101,190.65
Fund balances - ending	106,972.98	6,571.81	113,544.79
Analysis of ending balance:			
Cash in Banks	102,442.98	6,571.81	109,014.79
Land Use Change Taxes Receivable	4,530.00		4,530.00
	106,972.98	6,571.81	113,544.79

Respectfully Submitted,

Conservation Commission

2015 Expenditure Statement

2015 TOWN OF SUTTON EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

4130 Executive Office		\$	146,779.19
Selectmen's Salaries	7,500.00		
Town Administrator's Salary	50,824.03		
Secretary & Clerk Wages	22,248.11		
Accrued Vacation time	961.41		
Health Insurance	34,207.36		
Telephone	1,750.00		
Other Professional Services	3,608.09		
Computer	13,894.47		
Equipment Maintenance	676.89		
Printing Costs	6,444.77		
Advertising	112.00		
Dues/Conferences/Publications	2,107.94		
Office Supplies	1,201.76		
Postage and Envelopes	670.00		
Mileage Reimbursement	414.89		
Office Equipment	157.47		
4140 Election and Registration		\$	2,282.45
Supervisors Wages	449.74		
Ballot Clerk Wages	442.59		
Advertising	280.00		
Supplies	865.12		
Postage	245.00		
4150 Financial Administration		\$	60,216.87
Town Clerk Wages	33,510.00		
Tax Collector Wages	5,994.86		
Deputy Tax Collector/Town Clerk Wages	2,820.51		
Recording Fees	281.16		
Telephone	1,100.00		
Legal Fees	0.00		
Mortgage Research	813.89		
Equipment Maintenance	2,282.99		
Printing	1,795.21		
Dues/Conferences/ Publications	2,155.40		
Office Supplies	2,160.50		
Postage & Envelopes	6,387.76		
Professional Services	0.00		
Mileage Reimbursement	914.59		
4151 Financial Executive		\$	19,741.53
Deputy Treasurer Salary	100.00		
Treasurer Salary	5,073.52		
Budget Committee Secretary	347.63		
Budget Committee	154.00		
Auditing Services	9,950.00		
Telephone DSL/Fax	420.00		
Computer	1,900.00		
Postage & Envelopes	995.12		
Bank Service Charges	50.00		

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Mileage Reimbursement	751.26		
4152 Revaluation of Property		\$	7,950.50
RP Appraisal Services	7,950.50		
4153 Judicial and Legal Expenses		\$	19,451.53
Legal Expenses and Services	16,838.32		
Litigation Expenses	2,613.21		
4155 Personnel Administration		\$	112,556.45
PA Contingency	44.17		
Group Insurance - Life/D/S-L	5,361.92		
Group Insurance - Dental	5,503.77		
FICA	33,431.86		
Medicare	10,283.90		
Police Retirement Contribution	43,708.42		
Highway Retirement Contribution	10,023.84		
Executive Retirement Contribution	2,541.08		
Financial Retirement Contribution	1,657.49		
4101 Planning Board		\$	42,358.37
Secretarial Services	28,042.68		
Professional Services	8,269.73		
Recording Fees	139.22		
Telephone	1,150.00		
Printing	575.05		
Notices	1,264.55		
Dues/Conferences/Publications	679.00		
GIS Mapping	796.98		
Office Supplies	535.49		
Postage	709.60		
Mileage Reimbursement	196.07		
4194 General Government Buildings		\$	24,551.13
Custodial Wages	3,596.73		
Electricity	2,300.22		
Heating Fuel	10,767.16		
Repairs & Maintenance	7,009.72		
Supplies	877.30		
4195 Cemeteries		\$	11,005.00
Cemetery Services	11,005.00		
4196 Insurance		\$	75,232.15
Unemployment Insurance	3,198.11		
Workers Compensation	41,360.12		
Property/Liability	28,589.04		
Miscellaneous Insurance Expense	2,084.88		
4197 Advertising & Regional Associations		\$	2,032.00
Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission	2,032.00		
4210 Police Department		\$	364,716.19
Full Time Wages	90,959.40		
Part Time Wages	8,703.10		
Special Duty Wages	5,460.00		

2015 Expenditure Statement

Building and Grounds	1,755.00		
On Call Wages	5,746.05		
Overtime Wages	10,697.78		
Police Chief Salary	56,538.61		
Part Time Secretary	25,353.60		
Health Insurance	96,259.32		
Court Representation	1,046.00		
Court Witness Fees	0.00		
Telephone	6,757.65		
Computer Services	6,185.06		
Animal Control Expenses	0.00		
Electric	1,755.83		
LP Gas	2,571.11		
Maintenance	1,482.96		
Dues/Conferences/Publications	4,081.31		
Training	1,984.73		
Office Supplies	4,762.21		
Investigative Supplies	3,213.04		
Postage	248.88		
Mileage	255.30		
Cruiser Lease/Equipment	7,828.27		
Cruiser Fuel	6,904.82		
Cruiser Repair/Maintenance	6,832.15		
Uniforms	7,334.01		
4215 Ambulance		\$	41,827.00
Sutton Rescue Squad	6,500.00		
Support Ambulance	0.00		
New London Ambulance	35,327.00		
4220 Fire Department		\$	55,984.79
LP Gas	0.00		
Telephone	1,749.55		
Electricity	3,497.59		
Heating Fuel	6,155.56		
Building Maintenance	3,703.62		
Equipment Fuel	704.34		
Training	1,848.40		
Fire Warden	419.43		
Maintenance Fee Gen Air	3,793.70		
Miscellaneous & Supplies	12,828.82		
Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	7,768.92		
Training Supplies/Equipment	7,561.62		
Equipment	2,000.00		
Radios	3,953.24		
4240 Building Inspection		\$	6,288.49
Inspection Services	5,438.49		
Wetlands Inspection	850.00		
4290 Emergency Management		\$	300.00
Emergency Management Services	300.00		
Emergency Management Supplies	0.00		
4299 Dispatching Services		\$	24,607.92
Dispatching Services	24,607.92		

2015 Expenditure Statement

4312 Highway Department	\$	562,048.67
Wages	228,493.58	
Part Time Labor	0.00	
Part Time Mechanic	500.00	
Overtime Wages	18,615.46	
Part Time Secretary	1,019.00	
Health Insurance	80,369.38	
Telephone	1,939.52	
Other Professional Services	32,761.88	
Radio Repairs/Purchase/Lease	0.00	
Electricity	3,191.93	
Heating Oil	10,990.59	
LP Gas	0.00	
Building Repairs/Maintenance	3,904.55	
Dues/Conferences/Publications & Adv.	53.00	
Equipment Rental	13,805.00	
Mileage Reimbursement	129.95	
Vehicle Fuel	35,757.08	
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	16,043.34	
Oil & Filters	3,485.30	
Tires	5,725.00	
Materials & Supplies	2,734.08	
Cutting Edges	4,554.52	
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	6,574.01	
Chains	3,604.00	
Culverts	1,356.20	
Hand Tools	532.89	
Shop Equipment	802.51	
Sand & Salt	67,781.87	
Gravel	13,251.89	
Asphalt Products	3,395.29	
Signs	676.85	
Liquid Calcium Chloride	0.00	
4313 Bridges	\$	-
Bridge Expenses	0.00	
4316 Street Lighting	\$	7,205.80
Street Lighting Expenses	7,205.80	
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	\$	134,469.46
Wages	61,023.93	
Telephone	421.12	
Water Testing	2,170.00	
Electricity	2,202.33	
Diesel	799.03	
Dues/Conferences/Publications	144.34	
Maintenance/Supplies	1,458.93	
Uniforms	250.00	
Safety Equipment	290.95	
Operator Certification	250.00	
Repairs	6,101.29	
Lagoon Maintenance	1,499.04	
Demo Dumpster/Tipping Fee	16,538.36	
Electronic Recycling	3,006.00	
Newspaper Containers	0.00	
Hazardous Waste	500.00	
Cardboard Dumpster	6,132.91	

2015 Expenditure Statement

Aluminum/Steel Cans	750.00		
Freon Recycling	0.00		
Tire Removal	902.00		
Florescent Bulb Recycling	0.00		
MSW Tipping	19,214.84		
MSW Trucking	6,157.08		
Propane	1,166.71		
Calcium Chloride	981.85		
Glass	2,508.75		
4411 Health Administration		\$	1,774.00
Inoculations & Tests	1,274.00		
Miscellaneous Expenses	500.00		
4415 Lake Sunapee Region VNA		\$	5,339.00
Lake Sunapee Region VNA	5,339.00		
4442 Direct Assistance		\$	11,211.18
Worthy Causes	70.00		
Miscellaneous Direct Assistance	2,543.34		
Services	4,486.84		
Community Action Program	4,111.00		
4520 Culture and Recreation		\$	11,863.00
South Sutton Common	300.00		
Historical Society	6,000.00		
Council on Aging	2,700.00		
Churches	263.00		
Old Store Museum	300.00		
Youth Recreation Programs	1,800.00		
North Sutton Improvement Society	500.00		
4550 Library		\$	32,933.99
Salaries	19,670.17		
Custodial	254.16		
Telephone	1,027.33		
Electricity	1,978.96		
Heating Fuel	2,259.87		
Repairs and Maintenance	3,449.62		
Advertising	550.00		
Programs	487.93		
Administrative	985.71		
Books	2,270.24		
4583 Patriotic Purposes		\$	811.95
Patriotic Purposes Expenses	811.95		
4611 Conservation Administration		\$	2,065.37
Secretarial Services	642.60		
Dues/Conferences/Publications	677.00		
Expenses	700.80		
Supplies	44.97		
4700 Debt Service		\$	62,929.85
Principal LT Bonds/Notes	39,259.41		
Interest LT Bonds/Notes	22,206.75		
Interest on Tans	1,405.47		

2015 Expenditure Statement

Interest on Abatements	58.22		
4914 Capital Reserve Funds		\$	260,250.00
Conservation Land	7,000.00		
Highway Equipment/Trucks	85,000.00		
Solid Waste Facility	3,000.00		
Forest Fire Equipment	250.00		
Fire Equipment Replacement	25,000.00		
Property Revaluation	22,000.00		
Rescue Vehicle	10,000.00		
Cemetery	5,000.00		
Library Building Maintenance	3,000.00		
Highway Sand Shed	10,000.00		
Highway Pickup Truck	5,000.00		
Fire Department Addition	25,000.00		
Legal Fees	5,000.00		
Highway Backhoe	50,000.00		
Historical Records Preservation	2,000.00		
Pillsbury Memorial Hall	3,000.00		
Forest Fire Salaries		\$	(19.97)
Warrant Articles		\$	234,334.40
Establish CR Corporation Hill	50,000.00		
Establish CR Cemetery Fences	3,500.00		
Establish CR Old Store Museum	10,000.00		
Gravel Road Upgrade	29,954.02		
Fox Chase Road	38,871.70		
Truck Equipped	79,035.31		
Old Home Day	1,241.90		
Municipal Survey	3,500.00		
Sutton Ball Field	1,250.00		
Police Cruiser (Lease)	16,981.47		
		\$	2,345,098.26

Statement of Receipts and Actual Revenues

for the year ending December 31, 2015

	Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues	Over (Under) Budget
TAXES			
Timber Tax	31,000.00	35,373.18	4,373.18
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	60,000.00	50,115.89	(9,884.11)
Excavation Tax & Activity Tax		281.86	281.86
Fox Chase Betterment	38,042.00	17,542.62	(20,499.38) Receivable Over an 8-yr period
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	320,000.00	349,807.77	29,807.77
Building Permits	2,000.00	3,020.00	1,020.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	4,000.00	4,990.24	990.24
FROM STATE /FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			
Shared Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meals & Room Tax Distribution	88,772.00	88,772.22	0.22
Highway Block Grant	101,835.00	102,714.66	879.66
State Forest Land	20.00	0.00	(20.00)
Other State/Federal Aid	35,000.00	1,189.18	(33,810.82) PD RO
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	40,000.00	43,898.35	3,898.35
Other/Bank Charges	100.00	100.00	0.00
MISC. REVENUE			
Sale of Municipal Property	40,000.00	43,160.17	3,160.17
Interest on Investments	200.00	438.85	238.85
Other/Cable, Insurance, Dividends & Reimbursements	33,848.00	25,315.00	(8,533.00)
TRANSFERS IN			
Capital Reserve Funds*	90,000.00	90,000.00	0.00 Interfund Receivable
Income from Expendable Capital Reserves	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trust Funds*	<u>863.00</u>	<u>863.00</u>	<u>0.00</u> Interfund Receivable
FUND BALANCE USED TO SET TAX RATE	<u>250,000.00</u>	<u>250,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,135,680.00</u>	<u>1,107,582.99</u>	<u>(28,097.01)</u>

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2015

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Balance
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
4130 Executive	153,282.45	146,779.19	6,503.26
4140 Elections and Registrations	2,850.00	2,282.45	567.55
4150 Financial Administration	60,529.00	60,216.87	312.13
4151 Financial Executive	21,270.00	19,741.53	1,528.47
4152 Appraisal Services	8,000.00	7,950.50	49.50
4153 Legal Expenses	28,000.00	19,451.53	8,548.47
4155 Personnel Administration	136,252.75	112,556.45	23,696.30
4191 Planning Board/Zoning	42,500.00	42,358.37	141.63
4194 General Government Buildings	26,250.00	24,551.13	1,698.87
4195 Cemeteries	14,000.00	11,005.00	2,995.00
4196 Insurance	74,000.00	75,232.15	(1,232.15)
4197 Regional Association	2,032.00	2,032.00	0.00
PUBLIC SAFETY			
4210 Police Department	430,041.00	364,716.19	65,324.81
4215 Ambulance	43,027.00	41,827.00	1,200.00
4220 Fire Department	56,325.00	55,984.79	340.21
4240 Building Inspection	8,900.00	6,288.49	2,611.51
4290 Emergency Management	1,300.00	300.00	1,000.00
4299 Dispatching	24,608.00	24,607.92	0.08
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			
4312 Highway Department	649,100.00	562,048.67	87,051.33
4313 Bridges	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
4316 Street Lighting	8,000.00	7,205.80	794.20
SANITATION			
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	146,100.00	134,469.46	11,630.54
HEALTH ADMINISTRATION			
4411 Inoculations, Tests and Expenses	2,100.00	1,774.00	326.00
4415 Health Agencies	5,339.00	5,339.00	0.00
WELFARE			
4442 Welfare/Worthy Causes/CAP	19,613.00	11,211.18	8,401.82
CULTURE & RECREATION			
4520 Churches, Commons, Museum, Recreation	11,863.00	11,863.00	0.00
4550 Library	41,485.00	32,933.99	8,551.01
4583 Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	811.95	188.05

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2015

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Balance
CONSERVATION			
4611 Administration, Expenses & Supplies	3,232.00	2,065.37	1,166.63
DEBT SERVICE			
4711 Debt Service LT Principal	39,258.00	39,259.41	(1.41)
4711 Debt Service LT Interest	22,208.00	22,206.75	1.25
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000.00	1,405.47	594.53
4724 Interest on Abatements	1,750.00	58.22	1,691.78
Forest Fire Salaries		-19.97	19.97
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS			
Conservation Land	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
Highway Equipment/Trucks	85,000.00	85,000.00	0.00
Solid Waste Facility	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Forest Fire Equipment	250.00	250.00	0.00
Fire Equipment Replacement	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Rescue Vehicle	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Property Revaluation	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00
Cemetery	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Library Building Maintenance	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Highway Facility Sand Shed	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Highway Pickup Truck	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Fire Department Addition	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Highway Backhoe	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
Legal Fees	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Historical Preservation	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Pillsbury Memorial Hall	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Total Operating Budget & Capital Reserves	2,349,465.20	2,110,763.86	238,701.34
WARRANT ARTICLES			
Establish CR Corporation Hill	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
Establish CR Cemetery Fences	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
Establish CR Old Fire House	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Gravel Road Upgrade	30,000.00	29,954.02	45.98
Blacktop Upgrade	75,000.00	0.00	75,000.00
Hominy Pot Bridge	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
Fox Chase Road	47,000.00	38,871.70	8,128.30
Truck Equipped	85,000.00	79,035.31	5,964.69
Pillsbury Memorial Hall	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Old Home Day	2,500.00	1,241.90	1,258.10
Municipal Survey	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
Old Store Museum	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Sutton Ballfield	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
Police Cruiser	17,000.00	16,981.47	18.53
Total Warrant Articles	387,250.00	234,334.40	152,897.07
GRAND TOTAL	2,736,715.20	2,345,098.26	391,616.94

Inventory 2015

Map/Lot	Location	Market Value
02-895,218	Old Sutton Road (old gravel pit)	5,500
04-246,386	Old Store Museum and Land	112,800
04-262,377	Soldiers Monument on Common	15,800
04-313,462	N/S Route 114 (ash disposal area)	69,700
04-387,478	Solid Waste Facility and Land	137,320
05-609,563	Kearsarge Valley backland	2,500
05-821,512	Settlers Oven	25,000
06-341,143	Highway Garage and Land	726,600
06-365,163	Village Road	100
06-403,240	Library and Land	158,000
06-428,236	Pillsbury Memorial Hall and Land	425,500
06-513,305	Chalk Pond Road	27,900
06-544,342	Chalk Pond Road	27,900
07-876-290	Pocharski Property	40,900
07-912,283	Fire Station/North Road and Land	285,620
07-913,302	Police Station/North Road	226,940
07-927,424	Old Fire House	23,230
09-284,237	Charles Avenue/R-O-W.	2,900
09-906,090	W/S Route 114 adj. to Route 89	9,900
09-935,453	Crockett Circle	3,100
Total Town Property		2,327,210
Kearsarge School District		
05-402,352	Kearsarge Regional High School and Land	347,160
05-505,365	Kearsarge Regional High School and Land	9,648,090
05-909,431	Kearsarge Regional Middle School and Land	13,332,510
06-472,183	Sutton Elementary School and Land	849,390
Total School Property		24,177,150
Conservation Land		
01-113,554	North Road and I-89 (Cloues Natural Area)	24,600
03-126,029	North Road (Redington Dam Area)	1,300
03-998,313	Eaton Grange Road (Webb/Crowell Forest)	71,800
04-070,198	off Eaton Grange Road (Sprout Lot)	10,300
04-391,036	Rte 114 & Russell Pond (Spiers)	58,500
06-038,545	W/S Route 114 (Town Wetland)	2,500
06-068,565	Wadleigh Hill Road (Town Wildlife Area)	104,000
07-926,552	Rte 114 - Enroth Gift	49,600
08-018,336	Lefferts Natural Area	101,700
08-018,340	Lefferts Natural Area	185,500
08-109,368	E/S Penny Ante Alley (Sundell Lot)	87,800
08-171,362	off Park Ave. on Kezar Lake (Seymour Lot)	45,500
08-367,498	Maple Leaf Natural Area	135,700
08-369,498	King Hill Reservation	276,000
08-527,561	William Bean Quarry	111,100
Total Conservation Property		1,265,900

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Tax Deeded Property

02-491,339	Bocknick Property	300
03-293,290	Saddleback Road	31,500
04-110,318	Gambsy/Wells Property	7,800
04-194,375	Holloway Property	16,200
04-212,391	Lonnie White	34,500
04-327,098	Unknown Owner	19,600
04-428,530	Whittaker, Roy TIC at 25%	11,925
06-500,272	Langley Property	18,200
06-653,513	Dimaggio Property	105,160
07-662,017	Mary B. Page Estate	18,600
07-790,226	Emerson Bailey Heirs	1,000
Total Tax Deeded Property		264,485

Cemeteries

01-162,131	Sutton Lane	N.A.V.*
03-277,473	Gore Road	500
04-124,402	Meeting House	100
04-358,511	Millswood, Route 114	100
06-365,163	near Union Church, Sutton Mills	100
07-203,396	Mastin, Baker Road	6,100
07-939,404	North Sutton, Route 114	4,500

*Reflects parcel with "no assessed value"

Tax Collector's Report

Linda D. Ford

Summary of Tax Accounts for the
Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2015

REMITTED TO TREASURER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTALS
1ST BILL 2014			\$ 19,502.46	\$ 10,747.09	\$ 68,145.26								\$ 97,242.91
2ND BILL 2014			\$ 50,354.65	\$ 21,996.82	\$ 100,330.14								\$ 172,681.61
INTEREST			\$ 1,638.54	\$ 814.52	\$ 4,968.48								\$ 7,421.54
YIELD TAX - 2014			\$ 2,872.24		\$ 3,232.62								\$ 6,104.86
INTEREST				\$ 1,623.08	\$ 4,144.97	\$ 8,824.24	\$ 4,751.28	\$ 1,405.00			\$ 1,314.37	\$ 2,999.93	\$ 25,915.12
YIELD TAX - 2015							\$ 573,175.20	\$ 31,780.08	\$ 10,116.18	\$ 27,125.10	\$ 9,384.14	\$ 17,881.12	\$ 3,151,323.94
INTEREST					\$ 255,503.68	\$ 2,228,359.44	\$ 350.27	\$ 407.89	\$ 388.89	\$ 534.37	\$ 369.78	\$ 943.76	\$ 3,004.96
1ST BILL 2015											\$ 26.00		\$ 26.00
2ND BILL 2015											\$ 227,265.55		\$ 3,195,550.96
Bad Check Fee											\$ 11.11		\$ 11.11
INTEREST											\$ 2,827.00	\$ 12,570.02	\$ 15,397.62
BETTERMENT TAX											\$ 8.075.00		\$ 8.075.00
INTEREST				\$ 9.00	\$ 3.80								\$ 12.80
CURRENT USE - 2015											\$ 211.70		\$ 211.70
EXCHANGE TAX 2015													\$ 224.50
INTEREST					\$ 36.09	\$ 11,602.97	\$ 4,854.53	\$ 11,168.72	\$ 86.05	\$ 4,300.05	\$ 2,423.96	\$ 1,393.67	\$ 35,958.04
2015 TAX LIEN						\$ 307.12	\$ 280.23	\$ 704.11	\$ 131.31	\$ 318.27	\$ 418.44	\$ 145.22	\$ 2,314.70
INTEREST			\$ 27,734.63	\$ 13,228.44	\$ 5,288.72	\$ 1,227.77	\$ 788.02	\$ 9,707.64	\$ 1,813.48	\$ 2,590.12	\$ 1,641.29	\$ 1,191.57	\$ 65,239.68
2014 TAX LIEN			\$ 4,854.30	\$ 2,597.93	\$ 1,855.59	\$ 448.37	\$ 1,584.04	\$ 2,297.34	\$ 1,166.52	\$ 269.88	\$ 425.11	\$ 176.17	\$ 14,538.00
INTEREST			\$ 1,862.05	\$ 1,080.93	\$ 1,855.59	\$ 376.33	\$ 3,044.34	\$ 11,277.34	\$ 1,166.52	\$ 269.88	\$ 425.11	\$ 176.17	\$ 32,133.42
2013 TAX LIEN			\$ 1,982.05	\$ 1,665.63	\$ 316.49	\$ 5.97	\$ 855.91	\$ 4,832.00					\$ 8,138.25
INTEREST													\$ -
2012 TAX LIEN													\$ -
INTEREST					\$ 2,257.50								\$ 2,257.50
2015 TAX LIEN COSTS													\$ -
TOTALS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,312.66	\$ 52,514.96	\$ 424,191.58	\$ 2,249,240.31	\$ 589,740.62	\$ 74,229.78	\$ 13,726.43	\$ 35,077.79	\$ 526,505.34	\$ 3,014,399.84	\$ 6,854,745.11

Submitted by: Linda D. Ford, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Tax Collector's Report

Jennifer Call
Summary of Tax Warrants
(January 1 - March 7, 2015)

	TOTAL	LEVIES OF 2015	LEVIES OF 2014	LEVIES OF PRIOR YEARS
DEBITS				
UNCOLLECTED TAXES - BEGINNING				
Property	362,530.33		362,387.33	143.00
Elderly Deferrals	9,031.22			9,031.22
Yield	8,615.10		8,615.10	-
TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR				
Yield	2,225.46	530.25	1,695.21	-
OVERPAYMENTS/REFUNDS				
Property	3,834.34		3,834.34	-
Yield	240.16		240.16	-
INTEREST, FEES & PENALTIES				
Late Tax	3,941.87		3,941.87	-
	390,418.48	530.25	380,714.01	9,174.22
CREDITS				
REMITTANCES				
Property	115,453.65		115,453.65	-
Yield	4,205.45		4,205.45	-
Interest on late taxes	3,941.87	-	3,941.87	-
ABATEMENTS				
Property	3,834.34		3,834.34	-
Elderly Deferrals	9,031.22			9,031.22
Yield	240.16		240.16	-
UNCOLLECTED - ENDING				
Property	247,076.68		246,933.68	143.00
Yield	6,635.11	530.25	6,104.86	-
	390,418.48	530.25	380,714.01	9,174.22

Notes

Report of the Budget Committee

Our work for the 2015 budget began in late 2014 and continued until February 2015 when we held a public budget hearing. Members for 2015 were Dick Benson, Bob De Felice, Lynn King, Tom Paul, John Silverberg, Jody Wells and ex-officio member Wally Baker. Our thanks for a fine job to SBC Assistant, Jane Williamson. Jody Wells resigned during the summer and was replaced by Steve Hamilton who will be a committee member beginning in December 2015 as we begin work on the 2016 budget. Our 2016 ex-officio member is Bob Wright.

The main task of the SBC is to review and approve or adjust the financial requests of the town's managers for the maintenance of required activities and assets. The rise in the cost of doing the town's business confronts the budget committee every year. Fifty-five to sixty percent of the total operating budget is for wages, salaries and associated employee benefits. Medical and retirement benefits have exceeded the annual rate of inflation for the last ten years. We had a seven percent annual increase in health insurance during the five year period 2010 to 2015 and a 14.8 % annual increase in retirement.

At the annual meeting, the town's voters approved our past practice of maintaining hard infrastructure by adding to capital reserves in anticipation of significant outlays in future years. It is tempting to reduce additions to reserves in order to reduce the tax load but as the old adage says, "pay me now or pay me later". The recent replacements of a road grader and fire engine were accomplished without significant angst due to the buildup in reserves over prior years.

Maintaining and upgrading the soft infrastructure is included in the operations budget and is not as easy to identify. The digitization of record keeping requires constant renewal of computers and software and employee training in their use. Planning and Zoning has, over several years, converted its records to digital and has also helped the Highway Department with a GPS location system.

All of the town's managers do a great job of preparing and adhering to their budgets, and we are thankful for their presentation and attention to detail.

John Silverberg - Chairman
Richard Benson
Robert De Felice
Steven Hamilton
Lynn King
Thomas Paul
Robert Wright, Jr. – Ex-Officio

Report of the Highway Department and Road Agent

The 2014-2015 winter storm season kept us “plenty busy” with 43 storms, 100 inches of snow, and 17 ice events. The 2016 winter season is off to a slow start with only 12 storms and temperatures ranging between 0 and 56 degrees.

This year the highway department has been focusing on the Road Surface Management System. The highway department is in the process of collecting data on the number of culverts in town and their condition. It is a work in progress as there are over 600 culverts to monitor.

2015 Road Work

- Replaced culverts on Nelson Hill, Blaisdell Hill, North, Rowell Hill, Penacook and Baker Hill Roads.
- Removed rocks and ditched on North Road – completed gravel road upgrade.
- Removed rocks and ditched on Baker Hill Road, clean out and guardrail work and completed 2200 feet of gravel road upgrade.
- Removed rocks and ditched Bum Carter Road as well as cut and micro-blasted ledge and upgraded gravel.
- Removed rocks and ditched portions of Blaisdell Hill Road and upgraded gravel.
- Removed rocks and ditched Harvey Road and upgraded gravel.
- Ditched throughout the town.
- Trees cut and trimmed, culverts replaced, gravel upgraded and guard rail installed on Fox Chase Road. A very nice job done by JW Land Clearing and Rowe Brothers Excavation.

We continued engineering and project cost estimates for Corporation Hill—Grist Mill—Lane River Stabilization Project and conducted contractor meetings and sought proposals. A plan has been formulated, and we are ready to go pending Town Meeting approval of project funding. We finalized plans for the Hominy Pot Bridge which has been on the State of New Hampshire Bridge Red List since 2012. We are ready to go pending Town Meeting approval of project funding.

We were very pleased to welcome Christopher Grant to our crew in 2015.

The Ford 550 truck (equipped) that we bought in 2015 has worked out really well on all of our projects and was especially useful on some of our short and steep stretches.

Lastly, regarding the ongoing saga of Man vs. Beaver on Lyon Brook, we have found once more that beaver are much better at dam building than we are at pulling them apart.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Bagley, Road Agent

Highway Crew: Frederick Burbee, John Csutor, Eugene Cote,
Christopher Grant, Adam Hurst

Report of the Sutton Police Department 2015

It was another busy year for the Sutton Police Department. During 2015, your Police Department saw an increase in Calls for Service of +3.6% and an increase in Incidents of +5.8%, and a small decrease in Citations by -0.70%.

In 2015 the department saw a rise in investigative cases. Although there are not always arrests made in these investigative cases, many times there is substantial time put into investigating them by our officers. It is important to residents and non-residents that we continue to approach investigative cases in this manner in order to make sure that victims of crimes are well represented. It is also important that when someone has been accused and the reported event does not meet the definition of a crime, then the department clears the names of those accused as well. In arrests the department saw a decrease. Over half of these arrests are of the incident based/warrant type which requires a great deal of investigation time before an arrest can be made. The remainder of these arrests were on-view arrests during the commission of a crime, such as operating after suspension, criminal threatening, harassment and domestic violence. These assaults are just some of the on-view arrests.

The department purchased a new police cruiser, a 2016 Ford Police Utility Interceptor AWD, replacing the 2008 Ford Explorer. The department would like to thank the Citizens of the Town of Sutton for supporting the purchase of the new 2016 Ford Interceptor. The Interceptor was purchased on a 4 year lease. The Town will own the vehicle at the end of the 4 years.

I would like to thank the Officers and the Administrative Assistant of this department for their hard work. The Town should be proud to have such professional officers working for this department. I would also like to thank all the other area police departments & NH State Police, Sutton Fire and Rescue Departments, and Sutton Highway Department for the assistance they provide to this department.

As always, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Sutton for their never-ending support, and also to remind them to call us if they see anything they consider dangerous or suspicious. This is more important than ever during the type of recessed economy we are currently experiencing. The success of any Police Department relies greatly on the eyes and ears of the public, so please remember that we are your Police Department. We are here to serve you; please don't hesitate to contact us and make us aware of your concerns.

I respectfully submit to the residences of the Town of Sutton the annual report and statement of duties performed by the Sutton Police Department

for the calendar year January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Korbet
Chief of Police

Call Type		Call Type	
Alarms	55	Motor Vehicle Stops.....	270
911 Hang-up.....	10	Motor Vehicle Complaint.....	29
Abandoned Vehicles.....	11	Motor Vehicle Unlock.....	7
Traffic Accident.....	33	Neglect.....	8
Animal Complaints.....	61	Noise Disturbance.....	6
Arrest.....	16	OHRV Complaint.....	5
Assist Ambulance.....	50	Open Door/Window.....	8
Assist Citizens.....	48	Paperwork Service/Relay.....	70
Assist Fire.....	34	Parking Violation.....	6
Assist Motorist.....	57	Possession of Alcohol by a Minor.....	3
Assist Police.....	70	Report Request.....	42
Assist-Social Service Agencies.....	6	Pistol Permits.....	53
Assault.....	15	Police Information.....	24
Be on lookout.....	33	Property Lost/Found/Returned.....	26
Building Checks.....	398	Protective Order Violation.....	4
Bullying.....	3	Public Relations-Talk/Lecture.....	9
Burglary.....	2	Road Hazard/Obstruction.....	42
Civil Issue/Stand by.....	34	Sex Offender Registration.....	17
Community Policing.....	13	Shots Fired.....	12
Criminal Mischief.....	10	Stalking.....	2
Criminal Threatening.....	13	Attempted Suicide.....	2
Criminal Trespass.....	3	Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Incident..	36
D.A.R.E.....	10	Theft.....	25
Directed Patrol.....	1112	Tobacco Violation.....	9
Dogs, loose, bite, barking.....	30	Traffic Control.....	34
Domestic Dispute.....	13	Unassisted Death.....	5
Drugs/Possession.....	6	Unwanted Subject.....	4
Driving While Intoxicated.....	1	Vacant Property Checks.....	561
Fingerprinting.....	10	VIN Inspection.....	28
Case Follow up.....	269	Weapon Violation.....	5
Fraud.....	13	Welfare Check.....	17
Harassment.....	10		
Harassing Communication.....	11		
Involuntary Emergency Admission..	2		
Illegal Burn.....	1		
Interview.....	7		
Juvenile Complaints.....	5		
Littering-Illegal Dumping.....	5		
Log Note.....	14		
Mental Person.....	2		
Missing Person.....	1		

Report of the Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Facility 2015

The Solid Waste Facility reports the following volumes, expense and revenue in 2015.

Tonnage		Expense	Revenue
3.57	Aluminum Cans		3,162.50
5.31	Steel Cans		229.02
40.41	Plastic	2,719.80	
89.87	Paper/Cardboard	5,300.00	791.93
78.75	Glass	2,205.00	
85,850	Septage	1,499.04	8,147.00
192.45	Municipal Solid Waste	25,375.92	

Recycling continues to be a major focus at the facility. Due to the fact that our long-time plastics recycling vendor, Empire Recycling, went out of business, we are facing a serious concern relating to plastic recycling. We CANNOT RECYCLE HARD PLASTIC items such as children's toys or outdoor plastic furniture. We also CANNOT RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS. If unacceptable items are found in our plastic container at the recipient recycling center, our load will be transported back to us at town expense. Transportation costs are a major financial concern. It is important that we maximize our loads in order to reduce the number of hauls we have to make.

At the time of this writing, we are exploring the possibility of compacting plastic on-site to reduce our loads and transportation expenses. If the town does vote to acquire a plastic compactor, we will still need to be diligent about sorting our recyclables. Please check with the attendant if you have any questions regarding recycling. This year we introduced book recycling to our facility. Books will either be repurposed or recycled depending on their condition and desirability. Please support our efforts to give used books new homes.

John Godkin retired as Solid Waste Supervisor this year in order to pursue other interests. John worked at the facility for five years, becoming Supervisor in 2012. We will surely miss him on our staff but wish him all good things in his new pursuits.

The hours for the Transfer Station are Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Our phone number is 927-4475.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Herrmann, Solid Waste Facility Supervisor

Dave Ellis, Loring "Spunk" Ford, Diego Solimine

Planning Board – 2015 Annual Report

The Sutton Planning Board meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall. Hearings are held on the 2nd Tuesday and work sessions are held on the 4th Tuesday. Applications are due by the 15th of the preceding month. The **Subdivision** and **Site Plan** Regulations and Applications are available at the Town Hall and online.

The following is a look at the year's activities:

8/25/2015 Case Nbr PB 2014-06	Jon Feins Stonehouse Road Map & Lot # 10-688,134 Subdivision, Minor Approved with Conditions
3/10/2015 Case Nbr PB 2015-01	Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Shadow Hill Road Map & Lot # 05-678,405 Site Plan Review No Planning BD Approval Required
4/14/2015 Case Nbr PB 2015-02	William Vierzen Nelson Hill Road South Map & Lot # 06-800,075 Preliminary Consultation only
7/14/2015 Case Nbr PB 2015-03	Anne Yates 49 Davis Court Map & Lot # 07-850,275 Voluntary Merger Approved
10/13/2015 Case Nbr PB 2015-04	Gillian Martlew, ND 37 Newbury Road Map & Lot # 06-446,174 Site Plan Review Approved

During 2015, there was one case decided for an application submitted in 2014 and there were three new Planning Board cases. One Preliminary Consultation was held. Early in the year, Cellco Partnership applied for the co-location of Verizon equipment on the already existent cell tower on Shadow Hill Road. Before the case came before the Planning Board, it was discovered that changes in federal and state statutes now dictate

that, unless the co-location involves “substantial modification”, only a Building Permit is required. There was no substantial modification to tower height or the size of the installation. The case was not heard by the Planning Board; instead, Cellco and Verizon were referred to the Select Board for a Building Permit. With the determination that the Sutton Zoning Ordinance is not in compliance with the new federal and state statutes regarding cell towers, new language was drafted and put forth by the Planning Board that will bring Sutton Zoning Ordinances into compliance if approved by the voters.

The Planning Board held many work sessions on changes to the Zoning Ordinance, including an “all-day work session” in July. With input from the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Planning Board is proposing changes to bring the Zoning and Building Ordinances into compliance with changes in federal and state laws. Some proposed changes also add more consistency between Sutton Driveway Regulations, Sutton Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations, the Sutton Zoning Ordinance, and the Sutton Building Ordinance. These proposed changes are part of the ballot that Sutton residents will vote on in March 2016.

This year the Planning Board continued to work on the revision of the Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations. In April, the Planning Board held Public Hearings on two amendments to the Subdivision Regulations, one on Minor Subdivisions and one made to comply with state statute, changing the “Four-Year Exemption” to the “Five-Year Exemption”. Both amendments have now been added to the Subdivision Regulations. The Planning Board continues to look at additional changes to the Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations.

There were far fewer Land Use cases than the usual 15 to 18 cases of recent years. This allowed for some progress in other areas. With grants and other support from Central New Hampshire Regional Planning and much work by the Sutton Road Agent and other employees of the Sutton Highway Department, along with some Central New Hampshire Regional Planning employees, the project to install Road Management Software for use by the Highway Department is nearing completion. Last summer the bulk of the roads, bridges, and culverts were identified, their GPS coordinates mapped, and details about road conditions entered to the new system. The Road Agent is currently working on double checking the GPS information for accuracy; however, the Land Use Coordinator was able to take most of the data on over 650 culverts, link it to the Land Use Database and the GIS Maps of Sutton and produce a map of most of the culverts in Sutton. This software along with the Land Use Database will allow the Highway Department, and especially the Road Agent, to keep track of the age and condition of bridges, culverts, and road surfaces. When the project is complete, this will help with identifying and prioritizing decisions

on bridge, culvert, and road repairs and replacements. It will also be useful for budgets and the Capital Improvement Plan.

If you have not yet checked out the Sutton Planning Board webpage on the Town of Sutton website, please do. Click on "Departments"; then choose Planning Board. There is up-to-date information on meetings and public hearings. There are links to the minutes of meetings for most of the last decade and agendas for the past few years. There are also useful links to applications and forms. You can also view the schedule for Planning Board meetings on the section marked "Meeting Calendar" on the Home Page.

Board Members: Carrie Thomas, Chair
Peter Blakeman, Bob DeFelice, Julie McCarthy, Carole O'Connell,
Roger Wells, Dan Sundquist, Ex-Officio, Jim Lowe, Alternate,
Lisa Hogarty, Alternate

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Hayward
Land Use Coordinator

Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment 2015

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) schedules public hearings for the 3rd Wednesday of the month upon receipt of a request for a Special Exception or a Variance to the Sutton Zoning Ordinance, or for an Appeal from an Administrative Decision. Applications are due by the 15th of the preceding month. The Zoning Ordinance and applications are available at the Town Hall or online.

The ZBA had only one application in 2015:

8/19/2015	Roger Wells, agent for Heather G. Wells
Case Nbr ZBA 2015-01	35 Park Avenue
	Map and Lot 08-146,348
	Rescission of Variance
	Rescinded

In 2015, the Zoning Board of Adjustment only had one case and that was a request that they rescind a Variance that was given in 2013.

This year Bill Hallahan stepped down from his position as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Bill first joined the Zoning Board of Adjustment in 1989 and was the Chairman for more than a decade. Bill has agreed to stay on as an Alternate, providing the Zoning Board of Adjustment with continued access to his very valuable knowledge of the Sutton Zoning Ordinance, Rules of Procedure, history, and precedence. Bill handed the helm over to Derek Lick who came to the Board as an Alternate in 2004 and has been a full member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment since 2007. Many residents of Sutton may recognize Derek from elections as an assistant to the Sutton Town Moderator.

Zoning Board of Adjustment members did meet periodically throughout the year in work sessions to develop proposals for changes to the Zoning Ordinance and the Building Ordinance. The work that was done by the Zoning Board of Adjustment included revisions to improve language, grammar, clarity; an extensive revision of the cell tower article to improve compliance with federal and state statutes; and a recommended change making the administration of Excavation Permits and the permitting of temporary use of Travel Trailers as Construction Trailers the responsibility of the Select Board. These proposed changes are part of the ballot that Sutton residents will vote on in March 2016.

You can find information regarding Zoning Board of Adjustment meet-

ings and public hearings on the Town website. There are links to the minutes of meetings for most of the last decade and agendas for the past few years. There are also useful links to applications and forms. You can also view the schedule for Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings on the section marked “Meeting Calendar” on the Home Page.

Board Members:

Derek Lick, Chair	Dane Headley	Doug Sweet
Ed Canane	Sue Reel	William Hallahan, Alternate

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Hayward
Land Use Coordinator

Report Of The Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer

Fifty three building permits were approved this past year. The majority of the permits were for repairs and renovations to existing homes.

The following table represents a ten year span of permit tracking:

Permit	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Houses/Apartments /Camps***	17	13	14	9	3	2	5	6	4	3
Additions/Alterations	4	6	6	2	3	5	3	8	6	5
Replacements Roofs/Siding	3	2	4	2	3	9	2	1	2	3
Barns/Garages/Carports	8	5	6	11	16	2	5	8	3	3
Outbuildings/Sheds	13	5	6	9	14	5	9	10	6	5
Deck/Sunroom/Porch	9	4	8	6	3	6	5	6	6	4
Docks	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Renovations/Repairs	10	5	11	11	9	14	14	11	10	10
Commercial/ Government Structure	1	0	0	1	1	1			0	0
Wireless Tower		0	0	5	3	3	2	2	1	10
Antennas/Ham Radios										
Demolition of Existing Buildings	3	2	2	1	1	1	2	6	1	1
Renewals		0							1	0
Pools/Hot Tubs	1	3		2				1	0	0
Miscellaneous-Dugout, pavilion, gazebo, solar panels, outdoor furnaces, pellet stoves, generators Withdrawn	2		6	5		7	3	3	7	9
	71	45	63	64	56	56	50	62	47	53

*Telecommunication Site

** Loading Dock

***Includes two-family

As always, I would like to offer a warm welcome to the new residents of Sutton who filed for building permits this year. Anyone needing a building permit may pick one up at the Selectmen's Office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or visit the Town's website at www.sutton-nh.gov and download an application from the Building Inspector page. Any construction over \$1,000 requires a permit. Any change in siding requires a permit (i.e., clapboards to vinyl siding). Changing asphalt shingles to metal roofing requires a permit. Any addition to the footprint of your structure requires a permit. When in doubt, ask.

If you live by a lake, river, or tidal water, it is important for you to learn

more about the NH Shoreland Quality Protection Act, which requires a DES state permit for most construction, excavation or filling within the protected shoreland. Visit the following website: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/cspa/index.htm>.

In order to ensure a timely review of your application by the Building Inspector, Wetlands/Shoreland Scientist and Selectmen, please return your completed application to the Selectmen's Office by noon on Wednesday. Every effort will be made to process your building permit at the next Selectmen's Meeting. Finally, if you need questions answered or an inspection conducted, I can be reached at 927-4321.

Thanks to both towns people and their builders for your continued cooperation.

Matthew Grimes

Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer

Jeffrey Evans

Environmental Code Resource Officer

Sutton Volunteer Fire Department

2015 was the busiest year in recent memory for the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department. Members continued to enhance their knowledge through trainings in house, in surrounding towns and through the New Hampshire Fire Academy. Four members attended a three day long Fire Ground Survival Class where they learned countless skills to keep themselves and other members safe during fire incidents. Mutual Aid trainings with New London, Wilmot and Bradford included vehicle extrication and live burn training which helped build teamwork with the surrounding towns.



The department had members that attended the 911 Memorial Stair Climb in Manchester and the MS Climb for a Cure (benefiting the National Multiple Sclerosis Society) in Boston where the members raised \$2,700 to be donated. These stair climbs were completed in full structural firefighting gear and air packs.

All of the members of the department are completely volunteer and continue to give their time in trainings, meetings and responding to incidents as the need arises.

The new fire truck continues to be an asset to the department. Being able to respond with six firefighters rather than three allows the crew to prepare a plan prior to their arrival. With the large amount of calls on the interstate, it has been beneficial to have the additional firefighters and has allowed for fewer personal vehicles at an incident scene. One of the most important changes has been the increased tool storage capabilities and the organization that went into the building of the truck. The new truck has been outfitted with tools and equipment to handle the most challenging situations.



With the growing responsibilities of the department, the membership voted to add an additional officer to help meet the needs of the community. The department now has a deputy chief that will assist the fire chief with incident command, State required fire inspections, and other day-to-day responsibilities.

The department held an open house in July to give the opportunity to ask questions and learn about the trucks and equipment used at incidents. A demonstration was held to show how the jaws of life are used to gain access to someone trapped in a motor vehicle. In addition, a fire extinguisher training prop was used to show the public the correct way of using an extinguisher. We would like to thank everyone who was able to attend; there was a great turn out.



It was with great regret that the department announced the passing of longtime firefighter Arthur Chadwick this year. Art was an active member of the department for 51 years. His dedication to the department and the community of Sutton could be seen in the countless people he helped in their time of need. In addition, the department lost three other retired members who were instrumental to making the Sutton Fire Department what it is today. Charles Whittemore, Preston "Slim" Quinley and Weston "Bud" Chadwick served the department in many ways and played key roles in the construction of the current fire house.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the department, please feel free to come to a fire meeting or contact a current member for more information. Fire meetings are held at the fire station the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. There are many jobs in the department that need to be done, whether helping fill out incident reports, or training to be a full interior firefighter, and many duties in between. There is something that anyone can do.

The department responded to 159 calls this year. There were no major fires in town, but we did respond to a large number of mutual aid calls in surrounding towns. The fire department continues to be very busy with motor vehicle accidents on Interstate 89 during all road conditions, and answering all incoming calls for assistance.

This is a breakdown of the calls for 2015.

- 4 Vehicle Fires
- 1 Brush Fire
- 3 Stove Fires
- 2 Electrical Fires
- 4 Chimney Fires
- 28 Alarm Activations
- 33 Motor Vehicle Accidents on I89
- 31 Motor Vehicle Accidents (on other town roads)
- 22 Mutual Aid Responses
- 10 Tree/Wires Down
- 7 Medical Assist
- 8 Odor/Smoke Investigations
- 8 Other
- 161 Total Calls

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Cory Cochran
Deputy Chief Kevin Rowe
Captain Aaron Flewelling
1st Lieut John McBroom
2nd Lieut Brendan Rowe

Members: Bud Nelson, Garrett Evans, Matt Grimes, Chip Rowe, Chris Rowe, Pete Thompson, Harold Rowe, Andy Palmer, Kirk Chadwick, Keith Badgley, Ken Day, Shreve Soule, Steve Enroth, Darrel Palmer, Spunk Ford, Wendy Grimes, Peter Boucher, Nick Rowe, Fred Burbee, Tom McLoughlin, Robert Defelice, Sam Dube, Ken Sutton, Nate Thompson, Carl Smith, Taylor Cochran, Travis Sniffen, Tanner Boucher, John Chilpyian, Hilary Grimes, Bruce Putnam, Tristan Rowe.

Cadets: Brennan Carson, Caleb Cochran, Cole Dube, Quinn Miller, Cody Rowe, Natalie Soule

Sutton Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

The Sutton Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is a wonderful organization that supports the fire personnel. We supply them with food and beverages at structure fires, help during various events, help to maintain the fire station, and supply scholarships to High School graduates who are children of fire personnel or Cadets. If you are interested in joining the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, please feel free to contact Becca Rowe at 927-4316. We meet as needed at the Sutton Fire Department unless otherwise notified. All are welcome!

Respectfully submitted,
Becca Rowe, President

Members:
Becca Rowe
Marne Thompson
Melina Cochran
Lois Palmer
Annie Gagnon
Sue Sutton
Sue Badgley
Shelly Boucher
Sheila Wilcox
Diane Sullivan
Kathy Smith

Report of the Sutton NH Forest Fire Warden for 2015

Fire permit phone 603-927-2727

If you have questions about open fires and fire permits please call the permit phone or go on-line to nhdfl.org. **To report a fire always dial 9-1-1**

I want to thank our Deputy Forest Fire Wardens Cory Cochran, Kevin Rowe, Matt Grimes, Aaron Flewelling, Andy Palmer, John McBroom, Travis Sniffen, Garrett Evans and Carl Smith. These are the guys that do the majority of answering the permit phone and doing the leg work of issuing the fire permits. In 2015 I was out of state for the better part of a month, and these guys did all the work under the guidance of Acting Warden, Kevin Rowe.

Sutton did have one wild land fire on May 20, 2015. We had excellent responses from Sutton, Bradford and New London Fire Departments as well as assistance from the Sutton Police Department for traffic control. The fire occurred in the area of the sharp corners on Rte 114 between Main St. and the Transfer Station. It was a bright sunny and windy day with the potential for the fire to spread. Due to the quick response of the personnel, the fire was held to a 100 foot x 100 foot area.

Sutton residents and taxpayers now have a new option for obtaining a fire permit! By going on-line to **NHFIREPERMIT.com** you can get a camp or cooking fire permit. There is a \$3.00 charge for this electronic fire permit. Once the electronic permit has been issued, the Warden is notified by email with the specifics of the permit, landowner name and contact information. REMEMBER- you can obtain a seasonal camp or cooking fire permit electronically. If you plan to have several camp or cooking fires, save yourself some money and get one seasonal permit.

The Sutton Fire Permit Phone – 1-603-927-2727- is still an available option. We attempt to check this phone daily. This is the **ONLY** way to obtain a brush permit. We still issue camp, cooking and seasonal permits for no charge. The Town of Sutton Wardens follow the State of NH Laws and rules and regulations regarding fire permits and open burning (RSA 227).

There is no written fire permit required when the ground is completely covered with snow. HOWEVER, we would appreciate your leaving a message, name/address/phone number, on the permit phone so that the fire department does not have to necessarily make a full response to a report of smoke in the area.

If you have questions about open fires and fire permits, please call the permit phone or go on-line to nhdfl.com. **To report a fire always dial 9-1-1**

Have a safe and healthy 2016. Keep Sutton fire safe.

Robert "Bud" Nelson, Sutton Forest Fire Warden

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The ability to obtain fire permits on line was initiated in 2015. Approximately 120 towns participated in the online system with over 4,000 permits issued. To obtain a permit on line visit www.NHfirepermit.com. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

This past fire season burned **661 acres** which was the most recorded since 1989 when 629 acres burned. The fire season began in early April with the first reported fire occurring on April 8th. The largest fire was the 275 acre Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee. This fire started on May 5th and burned for several days. The Bayle Mt. fire was also the largest individual fire in NH in over 25 years. There were also a number of other sizable fires in May which definitely kept NH's wildland firefighting resources stretched to the limit. These larger fires increased the average wildland fire size to 5.12 acres. As usual our higher fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2015 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional

information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state’s Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2015 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2015)
(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS

County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	15.3	11
Carroll	299.5	10
Cheshire	27.6	18
Coos	1.6	6
Grafton	22.6	17
Hillsborough	50.6	23
Merrimack	228	16
Rockingham	9.2	14
Strafford	5.5	15
Sullivan	1.1	4

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED			Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	7	2015	134	661
Debris	17	2014	112	72
Campfire	13	2013	182	144
Children	3	2012	318	206
Smoking	12	2011	125	42
Railroad	0			
Equipment	6			
Lightning	5			
Misc.*	71			

(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

Report of the Sutton Rescue Squad

2015 proved to be a busy year for Sutton Rescue. Members logged 203 calls. Of these calls over half were non-transport, meaning these patients did not get transported to a hospital for additional care. This can be broken down even further based on our New Hampshire TEMSIS reporting program into categories such as Standby Only - No Patient Contacts, Evaluation and Care, Transfer to Other EMS Unit, or Cancelled. Meaning, we were toned to respond but somewhere along the way we were cancelled. Each call, as well as each patient contact, requires a TEMSIS submission. This means that if a motor vehicle crash on Interstate 89 involved only one car but 6 individuals, a report is done on each of those individuals. Each of these submissions can take anywhere from 20 minutes to at least an hour to complete.

What does it take to be a member of Sutton Rescue? Each member has to go through a training program at the level they are going to be certified. Emergency Responder - 40 hours, EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) - minimum of 200 hours, AEMT (Advanced Emergency Medical Technician) - 135 hours on top of the 200 for EMT and Paramedic -anywhere from a full time student at 6 months to part-time and 2 years. Once certified, there are requirements that must be met in order to keep that certification. Every two years responders must submit continuing education documentation. At the EMT level that is an additional 40 hours. The commitment on the part of members is huge.

Sutton Rescue is fortunate in that we have a fairly large membership. The unfortunate part being that the majority of its members work out of town during the week leaving response to those who are self-employed and working in town. It is imperative that we find a way to make these members feel appreciated and also keep them on the squad. For 2016, I have requested each member receive a stipend for the hours that they put in throughout the year – a very small token that says “Thank you! We appreciate you! What you give to Sutton does not go unnoticed!” With that being said, the Squad also thanks the Sutton Fire Department and the Sutton Police Department. We know that Fire, Rescue and Police must work in unison to get the job done. Thank you to the Sutton Highway Department, Sutton Budget Committee and the Sutton Selectmen’s office. Your support and the value you put on safety services is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Wendy Grimes, Chief

David Biron, EMT
Ken Day, FF-AEMT
Aaron Flewelling - FFII-EMT
Bette Fredrickson, EMT
Hilary Grimes, FF-EMT
Matt Grimes, FFI-EMT
Wendy Grimes, FF-EMT
Susan Henley, EMT
Brenda Spencer, AEMT

Cicely Markoff, EMT
Katie O'Neil, EMT
Andy Palmer, FFI-EMR
Brendan Rowe, FFII-EMR
Travis Sniffin, FFII-AEMT
Shreve Soule, FF-EMR
Alf Rylander, Paramedic
Nancy Tanner, EMT

Sutton Explorer Post 90

The Sutton Explorer post consists of students in high school who have an interest in the fire service and/or in the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) field. The Sutton Explorers conduct a monthly meeting as well as attend the monthly Sutton Fire Department meetings and trainings, and the Sutton Rescue Squad's monthly meetings and trainings.

Sutton Explorers can respond to some emergency calls to assist, such as fire alarm activations, carbon monoxide alarms, fallen trees on roadways, and car accidents not on the Interstate. Sutton Explorers are not permitted on some calls for safety reasons, such as structure fires, car accidents on Interstate 89, and brush fires (unless 16 and nationally certified).

The Sutton Explorers wish to offer their sincerest gratitude to Wendy Grimes for all she has done for the Explorers. Wendy has stepped down as cadet leader, and Shreve Soule now holds the position of Executive Officer. To be an explorer you must be 14-21; both males and females are welcome. If you're interested in becoming an Explorer contact Shreve Soule at shreveosoule63@gmail.com or call 927-4806. You can also stop in at a monthly meeting at 6pm on the first Tuesday of every month.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cadet Quinn Miller



Training at Kezar Lake with Sutton's new engine.

*Sutton Explorers – Caleb Cochran, Cody Rowe, Quinn Miller
Natalie Soule, Cole Dube and Brennan Carson*

Sutton Explorer Post 90 Executive Officer Report

On behalf of the fire department and rescue squad, I would like to thank Wendy Grimes for her dedication, passion and leadership over the years.

Why is there an Explorer Cadet program in Sutton? Cadets are our future leaders and community servants. Sutton fire department currently has 8 former members of the cadet program on its active roster. Three of those former members are also EMTs with the Sutton rescue squad. In a time when volunteers are hard to come by for many towns, it is a huge deal for a small town like Sutton to have this program with tangible results.

Explorer Post 90 is a member of the Daniel Webster Council-Scouting in NH. We receive our guidelines from the council as well as liability coverage for the program.

Explorer Post 90 is set up as a non-profit and is always looking for donations that would be used for uniforms, trainings and other activities for the Cadets. Checks should be made out to "Sutton Explorer Post 90" and sent to PO Box 96, N. Sutton, NH. 03260. Include your address so we can send you a thank you note.

Thank you to Cadet Quinn Miller for providing the picture and opening report. Thanks to my Post advisors Kevin Rowe, Andy Palmer, Aaron Flewelling, Sam Dube, Wendy Grimes and Chief Cory Cochran.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shreve Soule, Executive Officer

Members: Brennan Carson, Caleb Cochran, Jacob Cornelio, William Cornelio, Cole Dube, Quinn Miller, Cody Rowe, Natalie Soule, Noah Tucker.

Office of Emergency Management – 2015

The Office of Emergency Management for the Town of Sutton continues to work to keep our Emergency Operations Plan current. This plan constantly needs review and in the coming year town departments and volunteers will reconvene to update the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan identifies potential hazards within the town and allows us to possibly obtain grant funding to remedy them.

Regular training on Code Red and WEB EOC continues to be a top priority. Code Red is an emergency broadcast system that can be used by Sutton to notify residents of important information. Residents **MUST** sign up for this feature. If you have internet access you can go to http://www.sutton-nh.gov/public_documents/index click on "Welcome to Sutton, NH" and scroll to the bottom of the page to the box marked



Follow the instructions. If you do not have computer access, please contact me or the Office of the Selectmen to have your phone numbers added to this list. Your telephone numbers and demographic information will not be shared with anyone. You can rest assured that this is only used in emergency situations. This saves a huge amount of time and energy for Fire, Rescue and Police when we are trying to reach as many people as possible with important information.

In addition, there is now an app for smartphones, iPad and iTouch users called NH alerts. It is free and can keep you informed on events in your area, from missing persons to severe weather events.

This office works closely with Sutton Fire, Rescue, Police and the Office of the Selectmen to coordinate efforts in a streamlined fashion. I would like to express my thanks for their on-going support.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Grimes
Emergency Management Director

Report of the Conservation Commission – 2015



*L-R Front - Jane Williamson, Betsy Forsham, Jean LaChance, Don Davis, Ben Dobrowski L-R Back - Chris Aston, Gerry Putnam, Henry Howell
(Where's Waldo? Wally Baker, Selectmen's Representative is not in the picture)*

The Sutton Conservation Commission (SCC) had another enjoyable and varied year. We continue to be very impressed with the lands you have helped us protect. Multi-use recreation, water quality protection, wildlife enhancement, managed timber harvesting, farming--these are a few of the many things that both your town-owned, open-space properties and those private lands protected by conservation easements provide, both now and for generations to come.

Our Partners

Kearsarge Regional High School (KRHS) – During the spring and fall of 2015, and thanks to the hard work of SCC member Henry Howell, the Kearsarge Regional High School joined the SCC in clearing the Lyon Brook Trail on Sutton's King Hill Reservation (KHR). In addition, the students designed-through their science, technology, engineering & math (S.T.E.M.) program- a 20-foot walking bridge for one of the trail's seasonal stream crossings. They are now building the bridge with materials generously donated by the Lumber Barn of Bradford,



KRHS students preparing bridge site on Lyon Brook Trail

NH. Students and their teachers came to our June meeting and gave an informative PowerPoint presentation on the work they had accomplished to date. We are excited to have this joint cooperation between the Town of Sutton, local vendors and the regional high school, and we look forward to developing further projects of this nature.

Boy Scout Troop 69--The boy scouts made us a good supply of small, wooden trail directional signs that we will erect over the next year or two. We thank them for their good work and will ask them to help with the installation process.

Local volunteers – While we did not have as many trail work days this year (some were canceled due to bad weather), what we did have was very beneficial. As always, several folks from our list of trail volunteers pitched in to help and we thank them. It is great fun and we see lots of interesting things along the way. If you would like to be placed on the list, please let us know.

Our Properties

King Hill Reservation (KHR) – We had one trail work day in June, trimming back the Nichols trail. Members of our volunteer trail group participated. Students from the high school also did trail work for us, both on the Lyon Brook and Felch trails. As part of our three year mowing cycle, the three long trails on King Hill were mowed in September, as well as the two entrances to the Reservation.

Enroth/Lefferts Trail – Some light maintenance was done to this little trail, as blowdowns seem to be an annual occurrence. Members Don Davis and Jane Williamson led a walk on the trail, from Rt. 114 to Kezar Lake, as part of the Historical Society's "Celebrate Sutton" days, in August.

Webb/Crowell Forest – The loop trail we created last year has held up pretty well. We still need to blaze it, but some members went in and re-flagged where needed. We have several signs to create and erect on the spur trails which lead to various points of interest. Member Henry Howell led a snowshoe hike on Valentine's Day that was well attended, despite the cold weather.

William Bean Quarry -- The SCC had a first this year – a late-fall timber harvest on our William Bean Quarry lot on Kings Hill Road. Beginning last year, we worked with forester Brooks McCandlish, who has a long relationship with the property. We developed a forest management plan, identified our goals and walked parts of the property with Brooks pre-harvest. HHP of Henniker was the contractor who created the log landing as well as cut and hauled the timber. Wet, unusually warm weather in December shortened the harvest, but most of the intended area was completed. The Town realized a net profit of **\$21,266.62** from

the harvest which was deposited into the general fund. Once things settle down, we will have to re-route parts of our hiking trails on the property. We will conduct a post-harvest walk with the forester in late spring or early summer, when things have dried out.

Maple Leaf Natural Area – We had planned to finish flagging a trail through this property this summer and fall, but never made it. We intend to do so in 2016 and connect it to the KHR trail system. The parking area continues to get some use by folks accessing both the KHR and the Bean Quarry lot.



Russell Pond Natural Area – In August, the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust and the SCC co-hosted a dragonfly walk on the property. A capacity crowd attended, and a fun and informative time was had by all. This is a very popular program, especially for kids, which we hope to repeat it in the future.

Julia Hemley admires a dragon fly on Ausbon Sargent's dragon-fly walk

Future purchase of a new property

In November and December, the SCC met with citizens interested in protecting a 3.9 acre lot with 200 feet of frontage on Kezar Lake, located on Wadleigh Hill Rd., in order to keep it from being developed. The property (Tax Lot # 07-942,328 & 975,354) is adjacent to the Horse Beach parking area and is heavily used by a wide variety of recreation enthusiasts as well as for events such as Muster Field Farm's annual Ice Day. After many years of inactivity, the non-resident owners of the property placed it on the market, and it was advertised as a buildable lot. A private entity, RLD Realty, LLC, stepped in to "save the day" by purchasing it when other offers, with development in mind, fell through. It was hoped that the land will eventually be owned by the Town and that the new owner's \$82,000 purchase price and expenses will be reimbursed through a combination of SCC funding from its Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) for Land Acquisition and donations from fundraising activities by private citizens and organizations. After reviewing its criteria for land acquisition, the SCC unanimously voted to expend up to \$50,000 from its CRF (see warrant article 31), provided the remaining funds can be raised privately. It was recognized that this might take a year or two. It should also be noted that no monies from taxation are needed for this project, as the funds are already in the CRF.

Public Program – A Timely Tick Talk

On May 6, Dr. Alan Eaton, UNH Cooperative Extension entomologist, gave a very informative and entertaining talk on ticks. He came with live specimens, a PowerPoint presentation and most astounding of all, a rap song about the bothersome, and potentially dangerous, parasites! The presentation was very well attended by both Sutton residents and folks from several neighboring towns.

In 2015, the SCC also --

- Invited Ben Nugent of NH Fish and Game and George Embley of Trout Unlimited to give us an overview of the wild brook trout research they conducted in the Lane and Warner River watershed. It was such an interesting presentation that we would like to have them repeat it for one of our public programs in 2016.

- Monitored the three woodlots on Dodge Hill Rd., owned by the Wells Family Trust, on which the SCC holds a conservation easement. The lots had been logged at various times over the past three years. We found all properties to be in compliance with the terms of the easement. One unintended bonus was our disturbing a bear from its den, in late December. It shot out of the ground, from under an old tree stump, and ran away – an amazing sight! We just hope he returned to his winter bed.



A bear den in South Sutton

- Reviewed intents to cut involving wetland crossings as well as NH DES wetland applications.
- Attended various workshops and lectures of educational and practical value to our work.
- Responded to inquiries from citizens relating to conservation easements, permitted land uses, trails, etc.
- Joined several other state conservation commissions in signing a letter of protest to the NH Fish and Game Commission regarding opening

a hunting and trapping season on bobcats, with insufficient scientific reason to do so. Bobcats are valuable predators in creating and maintaining the health of our ecosystem and are only now showing signs of a population recovery from near extinction. They are so elusive that most people have never even seen one! Most of us would rather have the chance to watch a bobcat than to trap or hunt one.

Looking ahead

- We hope to host one or two public education programs in 2016, the subjects to be announced. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for topics that interest you.
- We will continue to work with students at the KRHS, combining their academic STEM curriculum with trail work, mapping, foot-bridge construction, and the like.
- We will host an animal tracking snowshoe walk on our Webb/Crowell property on March 5, led by Dave Anderson, Sutton resident and Director of Education for the Forest Society. Details will be posted around town and on the Town's website.
- We will begin to create trail maps for our properties.

Finally, we wish to welcome Bonnie Hill as our new secretary. She started in December and is already proving to be a valuable addition. She replaced member Jane Williamson who had filled the position the bulk of the year, providing us with excellent minutes – thank you, Jane. And, as always, we thank you, the residents of our special town, for your continuing support. We invite you to join us at the public programs, on our snowshoe hike, and urge you to get out for a ramble and explore your great properties!

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Forsham, Chair

Don Davis	Henry Howell	Chris Ashton, Alternate
Jean LaChance	Gerry Putnam	Jane Williamson, Alternate
Wally Baker, Jr.,	Ben Dobrowski	and recording secretary
Select Board representative		

Sutton Historical Society

2015 Annual Report

The Sutton Historical Society – Dedicated to preserving Sutton's past and promoting its future.

Carrie Godkin retired from the board of directors in 2015. She will remain active with the Society as chair of the Cultural Events Committee. Fritz Pratt has stepped down as our Building and Grounds Chair and has passed the keys to the realm on to Bruno Steblai. Bonnie Hill is serving as the interim editor of the newsletter. At the annual meeting, Jody Wells, Sue Esposito and Chan Blodgett were elected to the board of directors, Don Davis was elected President and Bonnie Hill was elected Clerk. The directors voted to fill vacancies on the board with Wally Baker, Peggy Ford and Lynne Lawrie.

We purchased a lap top computer for use by the treasurer. The financial affairs of the society will no longer be kept on the private computer of who ever happens to be the treasurer.

The society established a web site in 2015. We hope you have discovered it. If not, it is located at: <http://www.suttonnhhistoricalsociety.org>. We even took the giant step and can be found on Facebook; however, if you ask our resident old timers Enoch and Shadow, we don't over do the Facebook thing.

Plans to paint the exterior of the Cressey House were put on hold when a small plumbing problem grew into a major issue. To make a long story short, it was decided not to use band-aids to deal with the problems. Our water system has been simplified. We are no longer greeted by a Rube Goldberg maze of pipes in the cellar. The failing pump has been replaced, and we have a small water heater that serves the kitchen sink. We no longer will have to pay a plumber to shut the system down in the fall and turn it on in the spring.

One of our highlights every year is the awarding of the Barrows and Jane B. Pratt Scholarships. This year we were honored to award five, \$1000 scholarships to: Kendall Blake, Lianna Blakeman, Kelsie Dalton, Maryellen Gale, and Geneva Heffernan. The applicants must meet several requirements to be considered for a scholarship. **One of the stumbling blocks for many potential applicants has been the requirement that parents or guardians of the applicant be members of the Sutton Historical Society for the two years prior to the application.** Please contact us for a complete list of requirements.

Jack Noon and Don Davis have worked with the teachers and students

in the fourth and fifth grades at Sutton Central School to give the students a better understanding of Sutton's past.

We celebrated the 100th Old Home Day in 2015. The centennial celebration began with an evening of Sutton trivia a.k.a. The Sutton Challenge II, on August 15th. The Old Home Day celebration began with a hike led by Sue Reel on the Province Rd. The Rev. Dick Dutton presided over the traditional service in the Meetinghouse. The service featured music by Frances Stevens-Putnam accompanied by Gerry Putnam. Kim Lowe and chorus performed Tom Lowe's "NH Sunday Morn". The service was followed by a barbeque lunch by the Sutton Homesteaders with desserts by the North Sutton Improvement Society. Carolyn Parrott performed traditional folk songs. A



Old Home Day Brochure

"train" provided rides for children. A special concert by the DuBros and their special blend of blue grass and rock completed the day. We are looking forward to the 101st OHD and welcome other groups to join us in the celebration.

The centennial celebration of Sutton's Old Home Day continued during the following two weeks with **Celebrate Sutton**. The activities included: a run on the SRK Greenway, an open house for local authors at the library, a cribbage tournament, historic hikes, a pot luck and square dance, a Wiffle Ball tournament and a scavenger hunt.



The Dubros playing at Old Home Day

Other activities, programs and fundraisers that the Society participated in during 2015 include:

- Pancake Breakfast on Muster Field Farm's Ice Day
- Bake Sale/Book Table at elections, Muster Field Farm Days and Harvest Day
- Pot Luck Supper/Sutton Challenge I
- Co-sponsored, with Muster Field Farm, Dudley Laufman, musician, poet and contra dance caller
- Meetinghouse replica fund raiser
- Annual Meeting - Larry Sullivan spoke on his book *Mt. Kearsarge – History, Stories, Legends and Folktales*.
- Annual Cookie Walk with Santa Claus

The SHS is committed to improving the cataloging of our collections in 2016. We will purchase a computer and the necessary software to meet this goal. We are also collaborating with other Sutton organizations that are embarking on similar endeavors to insure that our combined efforts to catalog information about our town will best serve our community. The cataloging will take time and will not be completed in 2016. We are all volunteers and welcome anyone who would like to join us in this important effort.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Davis, Jr., President

2015 Officers:

Carrie Thomas, Vice President

Bonnie Hill, Clerk

Robert O'Neil, Treasurer

2015 Board of Directors:

Wally Baker

Chan Blodgett

Sue Esposito

Carrie Godkin

Jody Wells

Bob Wright

John Mears

Peggy Ford

Lynne Lawrie



Santa and Betty Whittemore at the Cookie Walk

Report of the Health Officer

In 2015, we said goodbye to Barbara MacDonald as Deputy Health Officer. Barbara served as Health Officer for the Town from 1992 until 2005 when I assumed the role. Barbara graciously continued to serve as my deputy throughout her current term which ended in 2015. Please join me in saying thank you to Barbara for her dedication to this important municipal function. This year, Matthew Grimes was appointed to succeed Barbara as Deputy Health Officer. We believe that Matt's civic experience with the Fire Department, Rescue Squad, Emergency Management and Code Enforcement will be a great addition for our Department. For those of you that require our services or are interested in our duties and responsibilities, I submit the following brief summary:

- To enforce the NH public health rules and regulations;
- To serve as a liaison between state officials and the local community on issues concerning public health;
- To inspect foster homes, day care facilities, and septic systems;
- To investigate health-related nuisance complaints such as garbage;
- To inspect food establishments;
- To deal with any food borne and communicable disease outbreaks or any issue that would impact the public health of the citizens of Sutton.

For those of you who have dumpsters, please have them emptied regularly, otherwise they create a nuisance (health hazard). If we have to go to court, that costs everybody, so please comply with the town's Public Health Regulations.

To facilitate a referral to the Health Officer, please contact the Selectmen's Office at 927-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

David Burnham
Health Officer

Welfare Department Report

In March 2015, I was elected to the Overseer of the Poor position. Dan Sundquist continues to serve as Deputy Overseer of the Poor.

This spring, we attended a NH Welfare Administrators Association (NHWAA) meeting and training in Concord. In June, I attended the NH Municipal Association's Fundamentals of Local Welfare training held at the Local Government Center in Concord. In August, I attended a NH Social Agency meeting as well. These meetings and training opportunities were very informative, and we learned so much at all of them. I do appreciate the support of the Town to attend them. It is also very helpful and informative to meet, talk and network with other Welfare Administrators at these sessions.

The welfare department is set up on the Town of Sutton website at the following address: http://www.suttonnh.gov/Public_Documents/SuttonNH_Welfare/index. Now townspeople can access our application on the Town website as well as at the Town Hall during office hours. Elly Phillips added some great resource links to our welfare website as well.

Appointments for Welfare Assistance are typically scheduled for Monday evenings starting at 5:30 p.m.

We are very thankful to have received annual monetary donations to our department that have been used to purchase food and gasoline cards given so generously in loving memory of a beloved community member who passed away this year, as well as another thoughtful individual. We greatly appreciate these donations, as they help us more flexibly assist those in need who may not qualify for town assistance or have an immediate emergency need.

I again include these important additional resources for all :

Trinity Bible Baptist Church, South Sutton Food Pantry: Mondays and Thursdays 6-7 p.m.

Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry, First Baptist Church, Main Street, New London: Wednesdays 5:30- 7 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

NHEasy - <https://nheasy.nh.gov/>

Fuel/Electric Assistance and Weatherization Program, Meals on Wheels, Women Infants and Children (WIC) and so much more: Merrimack County Community Action Program, Warner, NH: 603-456-2207

2-1-1 New Hampshire Community Resources: dial 2-1-1

ServiceLink Aging and Disability Resource Center of Merrimack County: 603-228-6625

Respectfully submitted,

Alison D. Jones
Overseer of the Poor

Sutton Free Library

Friends Group Reorganizes: The Friends of Sutton Free Library have reorganized and made a big impact in six short months! Originally formed in the 1970's and thanks to the current leadership of Shannon Storm (past trustee), the Friends are an advocacy group supporting the Library's mission of Literacy, Inquiry and Collaboration. Already providing materials and countless hours of volunteer time for the library and representing the library at community events, the Friends are a Committee that is helping the Library continue its growth and outreach.

Grant Awards: The Friends Committee was responsible for the library's 2015 Libri Grant award. The Libri foundation of Oregon selected Sutton Free Library to receive over 70 new children's books and a second grant awarded from TDS provided for a Libri Event to announce the award to the community. Other local community grants were written by the Friends and awarded to support ongoing library programs. Thanks to the continuing efforts of the Friends Committee! To get involved, contact the library!

Program News: In 2015, the Library initiated the Museum Pass Program. Sutton Residents can now visit the Currier Gallery in Manchester or the Fells Gardens and Estate in Newbury with no entry cost and visit the MFA in Boston for a greatly reduced entry. Call the library for details or to schedule a visit! The library also has a listing of area museums that are free and open to the public. Other museum discounts are being investigated – if you have a suggestion please send it to the library.

On the Grounds: In building news ... the Grace Nelson Community Room saw an enormous facelift this fall! Come see the improvements made possible by corporate grants as well as memorial contributions in the name of beloved trustee Beth Cernek. Call to schedule your group's next public meeting in this updated space or just come relax and read or play a game with friends and family.

Getting to You: If you or a neighbor can't make it in to the library due to health or mobility constraints, the Trustees have provided a solution! Sign up for the Sutton Free Library Home Delivery Service. Your favorite titles - delivered to your door! Call for details and to register for this convenient new service.

Don't forget to bring our littlest neighbors in for stories Monday Mornings at 10:15 or have your school-aged child register for the Wacky Wednesday after-school program! Whether you visit the library or have materials delivered to your door, participate in a book discussion, pot luck, cribbage night or special program, use the computer services or download an eBook, please know that you are welcome as a Sutton neighbor at the Sutton Free Library.



Young Sutton neighbors make cards for local veterans during a November story hour

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COLLABORATION

Respectfully Submitted,

Board of Trustees:

Carrie Thomas, Chair

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Visit the Sutton Free Library

(603) 927 4927

m 10-12 & 3-7

w 8-12 & 3-7

sat 10-2

Cribbage Night for All Ages! 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Monthly Book Discussions 3rd Monday (Adult Fiction/Non Fiction)

Stories for Small Folks Every Monday 10:15 am

Report of the Sutton Free Library

	Town <u>Accounts</u>	Library <u>Accounts</u>	<u>Total</u>
REVENUES			
Grants & Donations		1,868.94	1,868.94
	-	1,868.94	1,868.94
EXPENDITURES			
Current - Culture and Recreation			
Salaries and Benefits	19,924.33		19,924.33
Other Administrative Costs	985.71		985.71
Books, Periodicals and Programs	3,308.17	365.00	3,673.17
Operations and Maintenance of Facilities	8,715.78	2,500.00	11,215.78
	32,933.99	2,865.00	35,798.99
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(32,933.99)	(996.06)	(33,930.05)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in			
General Fund	32,933.99		32,933.99
	32,933.99	-	32,933.99
Net change in fund balances		(996.06)	(996.06)
Fund balances - beginning		11,104.17	11,104.17
Fund balances - ending	-	10,108.11	10,108.11

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Brock Hechel, Treasurer

Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission

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Established in accordance with state law, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is a voluntary association of 20 communities in Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties. The Town of Sutton is a member in good standing of the Commission. Emilio Cancio-Bello is the Town's representative to the Commission.

CNHRPC's mission is to comply with State statute (RSA 36:47) by preparing and adopting regional land use and transportation plans and a regional housing needs assessment. CNHRPC also evaluates developments of regional impact (RSA 36:54-58) and provides data, information, training, and high-quality, cost-effective services to our member communities. CNHRPC advocates for member communities and assists and encourages them in both municipal and regional endeavors.

In 2015, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission undertook the following local and region-wide activities:

- Provided technical assistance services for member communities, including zoning ordinance development, grant writing assistance, plan review services, local master plan development, capital improvements program development and guidance, hazard mitigation guidance, and planning board process training.
- Provided Hazard Mitigation Plan update development assistance to seven community Hazard Mitigation Committees and developed Plan implementation and evaluation documents available for use by all communities.
- Completed Fluvial Geomorphic Assessment (FGA) planning activities for eight communities along the Piscataquog River, Turkey River, Soucook River, and Suncook River, including coordinating a public information meeting for the Suncook River FGA assessment results, and compiling data, preparing maps of river features, meeting with communities, and developing Hazard Mitigation Plan Addendums for several communities.
- Completed the preparation of the Central NH Regional Plan which was adopted by the CNHPRC Full Commission on February 12, 2015.
- Completed the preparation of the Central NH Region Broadband Plan which was adopted by the CNHPRC Full Commission on June 11, 2015.

- Began the development of the CNHRPC Regional Brownfields Program through funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Tasks completed in 2015 included the formation of the regional Brownfields Advisory Committee and the initial steps to select qualified environmental professionals to will prepare assessments of potential brownfields sites in the region. For more information on brownfields and the CNHRPC Brownfields Program please go to www.cnhrpc.org/cnhrpc-brownfields-program.
- Assisted the Currier and Ives Byway with its member towns of Henniker, Hopkinton, Webster, Warner, and Salisbury. In 2015, the Council continued to meet quarterly to support its efforts in public outreach to promote the Byway. Activities included an article showcasing the Byway in the Fall issue of Kearsarge Magazine and other outreach and fundraising events to occur in 2016.
- Provided assistance to the Warner River Nomination Committee, including representatives from Bradford, Warner, Sutton, Webster, and Hopkinton, related to the possible future nomination of the Warner River into the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program. Work included drafting the nomination document which includes inventorying natural resources including common, invasive, threatened and endangered species of animals and plants. Data on existing dams, community resources, and existing land use controls were also included. Regular meetings were held to discuss progress, various interests and to gain additional information from local knowledge.
- Coordinated the activities of the CNHRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). Emilio Cancio-Bello is the Town's TAC representative. In 2015, CNHRPC staff worked with the TAC to complete the preparation of the 2017-2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to ensure that the region's needs were adequately addressed in the State Ten Year Highway Transportation Plan (TYP). Information related to the TIP update process can be found at www.cnhrpc.org/transportation/transportation-improvement-program-tip.
- Assisted Sutton with implementing a Road Surface Management System (RSMS) program which provides an overview and estimate of the municipal road system's condition and the approximate costs for future improvements. In addition to the RSMS program, CNHRPC completed a culvert assessment inventory.
- Completed over 200 traffic counts in the region as part of its annual Transportation Data Collection Program. In Sutton,

CNHRPC conducted six (6) traffic counts along state and local roads.

- Assisted five communities with the preparation of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant applications for pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects.
- Continued to support an enhanced volunteer driver program (VDP) in our region that was established in November 2011 through CNHRPC's 2010 Coordinated Transportation Plan efforts. In 2015, the VDP provided over 5,000 rides to seniors and people with disabilities for essential medical appointments and vital services that help the residents of our region remain independent. The goal of the planning effort was to reduce transportation costs for those in need while increasing coordination between existing transportation providers. For more information, visit www.midstatercc.org.
- Tracked state highway paving projects and coordinated with municipalities to ensure annual repaving and lane striping met community needs, with a particular emphasis on bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Conducted monthly Park & Ride vehicle occupancy counts at seven New Hampshire Park and Ride locations around the region as part of CNHRPC's transportation planning work program.
- CNHRPC provided assistance to the Regional Trails Coordinating Council, a coalition of local rail trail and shared-use path groups in roughly the Salem-Manchester-Concord corridor. In 2015, the group worked on implementing tasks recommended in the Regional Trails Plan for the region. Activities included awareness and outreach activities such as distributing trail marker signs, developing interactive maps for the public, and other activities to promote the use and development of rail trails in the region.
- Provided assistance to NH Department of Transportation's (NHDOT) Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee (BPTAC), advising NHDOT on bicycle and pedestrian related matters. BPTAC activities included various projects such as level of traffic stress analysis, lane striping policies, and the development of a statewide bicycle and pedestrian traffic counting program.
- In 2015, CNHRPC provided assistance with the development of a regional transportation model comprised of over 400 traffic analysis zones as part of the I-93 Bow-Concord expansion project. The transportation model was developed using a base year of 2010 and a future year of 2035 using projections for

population and employment. The model allows CNHRPC to demonstrate what effects specific demographic changes and roadway projects may have on traffic throughout the region.

- CNHRPC completed a NHDES 604(b) impervious cover study for the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee (UMRLAC) with its member towns of Bow, Concord, Boscawen, and Canterbury. CNHRPC completed the creation of an impervious cover GIS layer for the UMRLAC region, developed several maps of the region and each town displaying impervious cover and other pertinent map layers. Reports with a detailed discussion of local areas of concern were developed for each community.
- Continued to acquire, update, and utilize Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data for planning, cartography, and analysis across all projects.

For additional information, please contact the CNHRPC staff or visit us at www.cnhrpc.org. CNHRPC Commission meetings are open to the public and interested citizens are encouraged to attend.



37 Pleasant Street, New London, NH 03257

The Chapin Senior Center: Bettering the Lives of Seniors in Our Community

The mission of the Chapin Senior Center of the Kearsarge Council on Aging (COA) is to respond to the needs of seniors living in the Kearsarge/Mt. Sunapee area. We are pleased to report that in the past year – with the generous support from our volunteers, donors and area towns – we have been able continue to make significant contributions to the health, well being and quality of life of senior residents in the area. COA provides a variety of services, including organizing indoor and outdoor recreation programs, hosting social events such as bridge games and lunch discussion groups, providing access to free mobility equipment, acting as clearinghouse for resources for those in need of assistance to remain living independently in their homes.

One of the most critical of COA's programs is the volunteer transportation program that provides door through door service to medical and other appointments to those who are unable to drive. COA volunteers typically drive seniors from the nine town area 40,000 to 50,000 miles each year. Last year was no different. The program is so successful that **COA continued to look for additional volunteer drivers. If you are interested in a truly rewarding volunteer experience, join us in helping provide this crucial service to your senior friends and neighbors.** We'd love to hear from you. Stop by the Chapin Senior Center or call us at 526-6308.

COA relies on private donations from local citizens and community businesses as well as fundraisers (such as its annual Book Sale) for 70% of our operating funds. The remaining 30% comes from the nine towns we serve. We are truly thankful to all of those who contribute their money, time and energy to make our work possible.

COA's Chapin Senior Center is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Whether you come to take part in exercises, to ask Medicare questions, to attend an enriching educational program, to enjoy our book and video library, to volunteer or just to have coffee with friends, opportunity awaits. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Derek D. Lick
Chairman

Muster Field Farm Museum & Matthew Harvey Homestead

AN 18TH CENTURY HISTORIC HOMESTEAD, RESTORED FARM BUILDINGS AND BICENTENNIAL WORKING FARM

Highlights of 2015 at Muster Field Farm Museum:

- Successful events support the Farm Museum mission
- Continued collaborations with the Sutton Historical Society and Sutton Free Library
- Lyford Education Committee Continues Developing Mission
- KRHS and Local Volunteer Docent Support for Summer Homestead Tours
- Sutton Central Students of all ages Experience the Farm
- Colby Sawyer College Students Incorporate Farm Visits with their Studies
- Bee-Keepers hold Regional Annual Meeting at Muster Field



A local artisan demonstrates spinning in the Little Barn at Muster Field Farm Days.

Muster Field Farm Museum's 250 acres and historic homestead have been a part of Sutton's culture and heritage for generations. The homestead, built by Matthew Harvey, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and housed Sutton's first library collection. The Harvey family served New Hampshire and the nation in civil service for over 50 years. When the farm passed beyond the Harvey Family, Robert S. Bristol began his stewardship. Mr. Bristol served as a select board member in Sutton and preserved the lands and buildings of Muster Field for future generations through the development of a trust which supports the mission of the Farm Museum. The fields surrounding

the homestead once provided space for local troops to muster in preparation for duty, giving the farm its current name. Today, the Farm Museum is a vibrant example of New Hampshire's agrarian heritage. Annual events throughout the year highlight the collection of farm buildings brought to Muster Field from around the region as well as the present-day working farm that produces unbelievable flowers, fruits, vegetables, hay and cordwood.

Muster Field is grateful for the dedication of families and individuals who volunteer throughout the year as well as an incredible staff working seasonally and year-round. If you would like to learn more, visit the website or email for membership details and more.

The Farm Museum is open to the public daily for self-guided tours and exploration. You are encouraged to visit and take a step into the history of Sutton and enjoy the resources made possible by the generous vision of Bob Bristol. Details on Annual Events are available on the website: www.musterfieldfarm.com.

Board of Directors 2015

Larry Ballin
Sam Dube
Warren Jones
Leon Malan
Bruce Putnam
Rebecca Rowe
Kathleen Stowell
Heidi Thoma
Jen White

Year Round Staff 2015

Steve Paquin, Farm Manager
Mel Minmaugh, Farm Worker
Jack Noon, Museum Historian/Curator
Beth Morrill, Administrative Assistant

Community Action Program Report 2015

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	UNITS OF SERVICE	HOUSEHOLDS/PERSONS	VALUE
EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES provide up to five days of food for people facing temporary food crisis. Value \$5.00 per meal.	MEALS--450	PERSONS--90	\$ 2,250.00
FUEL ASSISTANCE is available to income eligible households to help with energy costs during the prime heating season. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled.	APPLICATIONS--34	PERSONS--90	\$ 29,385.00
ELECTRIC ASSISTANCE program is a statewide program funded by all electric rate payers which provides a specific tier of discount from 9% to 77% on electric bills for income eligible households.	ENROLLED HH--32		\$ 17,289.61
WEATHERIZATION improves the energy efficiency of income eligible households. Supplemental program also includes furnace replacement, water heater replacement and roof repair. Value includes average material and labor.	HOMES--0	PERSONS--0	\$ -
NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR provides emergency energy assistance up to \$300 for those not eligible for fuel assistance.	HOUSEHOLDS--4		\$ 800.00
GRAND TOTAL			\$ 49,724.61
INFORMATION AND REFERRAL --CAP provides utility, landlord/tenant, legal and health counseling as well as referrals for housing, transportation and other life concerns. These support/advocacy services are not tracked.			



Lake Sunapee Region
VNA & HOSPICE

Report of the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association 2015

January 2016

Dear Friends:

On behalf of all the staff and volunteers of Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA), thank you for the opportunity to provide home health and hospice services, personal care and community health services in Sutton. Our Mission to provide care for individuals and families in home and community settings and enable people to stay in their homes for as long as possible is at the heart of all we do for Sutton residents and residents throughout our 1,900 square-mile service area. As in previous years, our Board of Directors has pledged that, within its financial resources, LSRVNA will continue to serve those in need of care regardless of insurance coverage or financial circumstances. I am proud to report that, for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2015, LSRVNA employees served Sutton in the following ways:

- ✦ Provided 1,633 hours of nursing, therapy and in-home supportive care to 51 residents;
- ✦ Provided 1,413 in-home nursing, therapy and social work visits to these residents. 39 visits were provided without any remuneration to LSRVNA. 37 visits were provided under various Medicaid programs (NH Medicaid reimburses at less than 60% of visit costs);
- ✦ Seven residents received 280 visits through our hospice program and were able to spend their last days at home. Their families are provided 14 months of bereavement support and counseling after the death of their loved, at no cost;
- ✦ 111 residents utilized our foot care, flu and blood pressure clinics as well as parent child, bereavement and other support groups.

Our talented staff remains committed not only to individual health and well-being, but to fostering community support and involvement which empowers residents to help their friends and neighbors. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any way that we may be of service to you, your loved ones or your Town's residents. Our vision to be the leading provider of home care services in the region, to be the best place to work and volunteer, and to remain an adaptive and enduring presence is only possible with support and confidence such as yours. Thank you for your ongoing support.

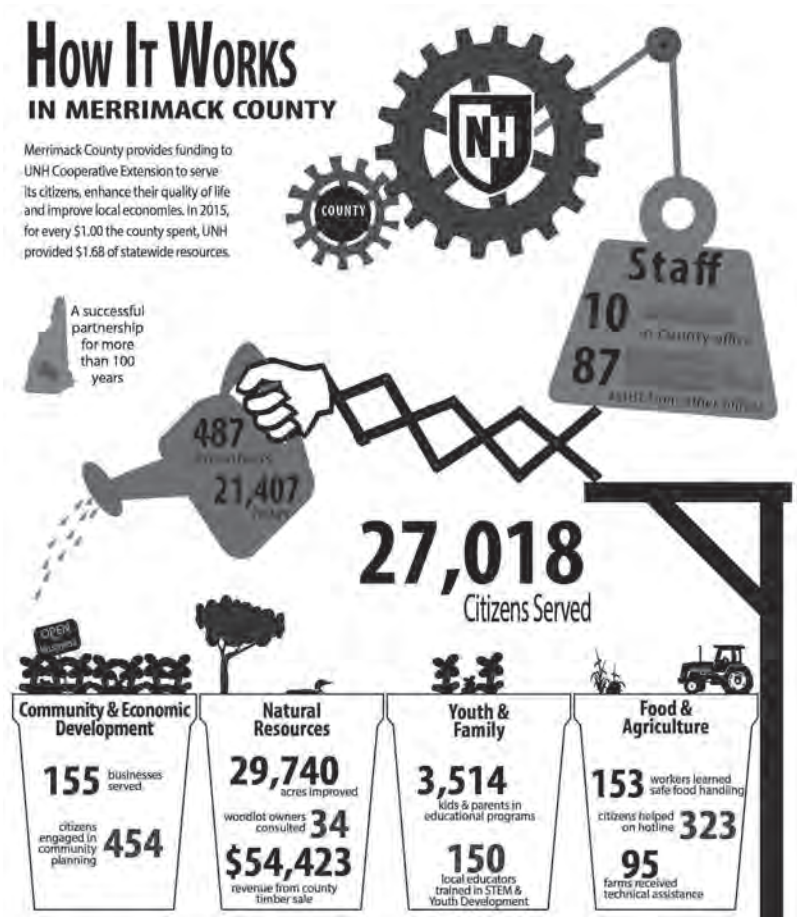
Sincerely,

Jim Culhane
President & CEO

UNH Cooperative Extension Merrimack County 2015



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From October 2014 to September 2015, UNH Cooperative Extension served residents in all 27 towns in Merrimack County with diverse programming through 4-H, Nutrition Connections, Food & Agriculture, Community & Economic Development, Natural Resources, and Youth & Family.

Residents benefitted not only from the Merrimack County Cooperative Extension staff, but also from over 50 Cooperative Extension state and field specialists across the state.

Our mission

UNH Cooperative Extension (UNHCE), the public outreach arm of the University of New Hampshire, provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families, and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

In partnership with local residents and volunteers, UNHCE plans and conducts educational programs responsive to the specific needs of New Hampshire citizens.



Our work for Merrimack County

Merrimack County Extension staff brings the research and knowledge of the university to county residents through hands-on workshops, site visits, seminars, conferences, phone consultations, video-conferences, printed materials, online resources, email newsletters, correspondence courses, strategic partnerships, a statewide toll-free info line, and a comprehensive website. Our program areas include:

- **Food & Agriculture:** We support the county's agricultural industries, including producers of fruits, vegetables, ornamental plants, and livestock, through workshops and trainings, diagnostic services, applied research, and one-on-one consultations. This year, at least 1,700 Merrimack County citizens attend training in livestock management, crop production, safe food handling, pest management, agricultural marketing, pollinator protection, farm business management, landscaping for water quality protection, and more. Our team of specialists and volunteers also provide education and technical assistance to home gardeners and citizens through seminars, publications, and through our Education Center info line. This year, Education Center volunteers fielded 323 inquiries from Merrimack County residents, and the county's Master Gardeners contributed 1,068 volunteer hours, making direct contact with 1,443 local residents.
- **Natural Resources:** Managing and protecting New Hampshire's natural resources is critical to our environment, quality of life, and tourism industry, as well as for current and future economic opportunities. Our natural resources team provides research, education, and stewardship throughout the state with a "boots on the ground" approach, extending state-wide programs in forestry and wildlife, natural resource development, land and water conservation, and marine fisheries. This year, over 640 Merrimack County residents received one-on-one education from woodlot visits, telephone calls, and e-mail correspondence.

An additional 1,200 County residents participated in many educational events: emerald ash borer educational workshops, geospatial technology training (GIS), N.H. Maple, N.H. Land Trust

Coalition work, Saving Special Places Land Conservation conference, Speaking for Wildlife talks, Stewardship Network, woodlot visits, and forest management services. Volunteers from the N.H. Coverts project and the Natural Resource Stewards program contributed almost 4,600 hours conserving and managing natural resources in Merrimack County.

- **Community & Economic Development:** Our Community and Economic Development team (CED) provides research-based education and assistance to individuals, families, businesses, and communities to help identify opportunities to enhance their competitive advantage, build upon their assets, and create conditions that foster local and regional economic growth. Merrimack County residents participated in the following programs: Agriculture and Natural Resource Business Institute courses, All Walks of Life Forum, broadband training and technical assistance, Community Profiles (Dunbarton), Franklin for a Lifetime, Planning for an Aging Population (Franklin Aging in Place), Marketing Forest Products workshops, Selling at Farmers Markets, and town planning facilitation and technical support.
- **Youth & Family:** Preparing youth to become caring and productive citizens is critical to New Hampshire's future. The research-based education and information we provide enhances the leadership and decision-making skills of New Hampshire's youth and strengthens families. We provide educational resources for parents and families through innovative programs such as Youth Mental Health First Aid Training, as well as, through creative delivery methods, including web-based outreach, e-newsletters and train-the-trainer programs. Merrimack County youth and volunteers participated in many 4-H youth development programs, including State and County Activities Days, Eastern States Exposition activities and competition, Teen Conference, county and state animal science shows, Barry Conservation Camp, Hopkinton State Fair, volunteer screening and training, and youth leadership/youth voice workshops. Merrimack County residents also participated in afterschool professional workshops, farm to school days, military family events and camps, and the Nutrition Connections programs for limited resource adults, families, refugees, and youth.

UNH Cooperative Extension trained and supported more than 4,270 volunteers statewide who then contributed 148,089 hours of their time, providing a value of \$3.4 million in 2015. In Merrimack County, 487 volunteers gave 21,407 hours, extending the reach of our programs as 4-H leaders, master gardeners, wildlife coverts, community tree stewards, water quality monitors, marine docents, and others.

Our state-wide Education Center and toll-free info line staffed by volunteers fielded 580 inquiries from Merrimack County residents alone, out of 7,741 calls, emails, and social media inquiries statewide. Twenty-six (26) Master Gardeners from Merrimack County helped extend Extension's work, volunteering 1,068 hours and making direct contact with 1,443 local residents. The Education Center and Information Line is open Monday – Friday, from 9 am to 2 pm.

In 2016, UNH Cooperative Extension will be joining the rest of the university in celebration of UNH's 150th Anniversary.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the 13 community members from all over Merrimack County who serve on our Advisory Council:

Commissioner Bronwyn Asplund-Walsh, *Boscawen*

Larry Ballin, *New London*

Lorrie Carey, *Boscawen*

Mark Cowdrey, *Andover*

Bill Doherty, *Franklin*

Elaine Forst, *Pittsfield*

Patrick Gilmartin, *Concord*

Ken Koerber, *Dunbarton*

Lisa Mason, *Franklin*

Paul Mercier, *Canterbury*

Judy Palfrey, *Epsom*

Mike Trojano, *Contoocook*

State Rep. George Saunderson, *Loudon*

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A wide range of information is also available at
extension.unh.edu.

A poster titled "The Education Center and Information Line" with the UNH logo. It states "Provides practical solutions to everyday questions. Staffed by professionals and trained volunteers." Below this, it says "We have answers to your questions" with icons for a phone, a laptop, and a hand holding a leaf. There are six icons in a 2x3 grid: a mushroom (Toxic & Stenches), a bee (Pest Problems), a grassy field (Lawn/Landscaping), a tomato (Fruits & Veggies), a snail (Backyard Livestock), and a flower (Gardens and more). To the right are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest, with the text "Join EXT". At the bottom, it provides the email "answers@unh.edu", the phone number "1.877.398.4769", and the address "329 Mast Rd, Suite 115 Goffstown, NH 03045". A small disclaimer at the very bottom reads: "The University of New Hampshire and Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer. UNH is an equal opportunity and affirmative action institution." data-bbox="553 329 853 560"/>

The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer. University of New Hampshire, U.S. Department of Agriculture and New Hampshire counties cooperating.

Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports

2015 was a great year for BNSYS.

BNSYS closed the year with a full Board of Directors, who are all committed to providing the best youth sports program possible. I am sure that this dedication will continue in 2016.

Our focus for 2015, which will continue into 2016, was to rejuvenate our facilities. We built a new snack shack, which will be open for the 2016 baseball season. We have also started the process to bring back all of our fields to top quality. This will take a ton of work, but it will be well worth the time to protect our biggest investment.

Another big change for 2015 was a new website. We did all of our soccer and wrestling registration online. This will continue with the 2016 baseball season. All of the game schedules, directions, and other information are also online now. Please check it out at www.bnsyouthsports.org.

Wrestling in 2015 ended very well with several top three finishes at the state tournament. The start of this season is starting off strong with 26 wrestlers. They are learning a ton and will do well in the state tournament in 2016. Good luck to all!

Our baseball season started off well with our annual 100 Inning Game. We had a great day with tons of baseball. The rest of the season went well also. At the end of the season Dave Kasregis took over as our Baseball Director. He will be in charge of the 2016 baseball season. Also, BNSYS would like to thank Rod McConnell for his years of service on the BNSYS Board of Directors. Rod has been a big part of our baseball program and many other aspects of BNSYS. Thank you Rod!

In soccer this year we hosted a British Soccer Camp in June, servicing 50+ youths from 4-12 years old from our BNSYS communities. During the summer BNSYS facilitated "Youth Pick-up Soccer" at Warren Brook Park. The average attendance was 15-25 youths each evening. This past fall BNSYS had 9 recreational and 2 competitive travel teams, which served 126 youths ages 4-12. At the end of the soccer season BNSYS hosted MVSL Jamborees for Grade 5-6 Boys and Girls, bringing 300+ attendees to the local area and commerce. Our 5-6 Boys Recreational team took first place in the MVSL tournament at the end of the season, and the Boys and Girls U11 Competitive teams took 2nd Place in their divisions at the Capitol Cup in Concord. Congratulations to all!

For those new to the towns which we serve, BNSYS is a 501©3, non-profit organization whose sole mission is to provide quality sports opportunities to area youths, while reinforcing the concepts of sportsmanship and team participation. Our revenue is derived from fundraising events, program participation fees, donations and contributions from the towns. The expenses incurred yearly are insurance and equipment. Funds are also used for league fees, uniforms, field/building maintenance, toilet rental, and scholarships.

All aspects of our program are based on volunteers. Without the countless volunteers BNSYS would not be able to offer as much to the community. Thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer and support BNSYS.

If you would like to get involved please visit our website, www.bnsy-outhsports.org, or contact one of the Directors. We would love to have you involved in making BNSYS the best youth sports program possible.

Theo Selby
President

Board of Directors

Treasurer: Kristen West
Secretary: Justine Fournier
Baseball Director: David Kasregis
Softball Director: Jesse Griffin
Soccer Director: David Spinney

Wrestling Director: Erik Croto
Equipment Director: Robert Zielinski
Fundraising Director: Andrew Spiegel
Field Director: Rob Naughton

New London Hospital

In the 12 months since our last report, New London Hospital (NLH) continued to offer a broad array of local health care services in our community hospital setting, serving 15 towns, including Sutton.

The following capable and caring providers joined our medical staff in 2015: Vicki Anderson, PsyD; Fariha Chaudhry, MD; Mindy Dube, APRN; Stephen Holderman, APRN; Ben Holobowicz, Jr., MPAS, PA-C; Stephen Kantor, MD; Doug Kleinman, PA-C; Michael O'Brien, DO; Amy Schneider, MD; and Jennifer Taylor, APRN. Robert Hyde, MD became NLH Director of Emergency Services. Gregory Curtis, MD rejoined NLH as a Clinical Informatics Advisor. Furthermore, local services from Dartmouth-Hitchcock providers continued to deepen and expand as a result of the affiliation we have shared since October of 2013.

The NLH Board of Trustees approved rebuilding our rural health center in nearby Newport to meet healthcare needs there and to strengthen our overall organization. Building for Health, a \$9- million project with a \$2.2-million fundraising campaign, will provide 28,600 square feet of specially designed space to replace a 16,000 square foot patchwork structure that facilitates more than 21,000 annual primary care and women's health patient visits, as well as other services. We broke ground for the new Newport Health Center in October and anticipate project completion in the fall of 2016.

We completed our triennial Community Health Needs Assessment, available to all from the homepage of our website (www.newlondonhospital.org), where you will also find the related Implementation Plan. Our thanks to community members who participated in this important collaborative process.

The Wellness Connection: For a Healthy LakeSunapee Region developed a Mini-Grant Program that made grants to seven local organizations to fund healthy eating and active living programs.

In response to community need amongst the seven towns served by our New London Hospital Ambulance Service, we expanded by hiring new staff members who will operate an additional ambulance that has been ordered.

We are pleased to report the following appointments and recognitions received in 2015:

- Anne Holmes, immediate past Chair of our Board of Trustees, was honored by the New Hampshire Hospital Association

with its Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award during the Association's annual meeting.

- Pamela Drewniak, NLH Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, was appointed to the Advisory Board for the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Disaster Behavioral Health Response Teams.
- Matthew Petrin, OTR/L and NLH Director of Sports Medicine and Therapy Services, was appointed to the New Hampshire Emergency Medical Services Trauma Board.
- NLH was one of 32 hospitals in New England and one of ten in New Hampshire to be named to the 2014 Harvard Pilgrim Hospital Honor Roll based on performance among the top 25% of hospitals nationally on a set of composite quality and patient experience measures.
- Healthgrades recognized NLH with its Patient Safety Excellence Award. This distinction goes to the top 10% of hospitals which are leaders in patient safety based on analysis of Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) patient safety indicators.

As in prior years, we hosted a number of community and fundraising events, most notably:

- The 91st annual Hospital Days celebration brought nearly a full week of events to New London for the enjoyment of all in our region, concluding with the 32nd annual Triathlon.
- Over \$31,000 was raised at the 12th annual NLH Golf Invitational, held at Montcalm Golf Club in Enfield.
- More than 220 guests attended the 10th Annual Benefit for NLH, held at Camp Coniston in Croydon. The Oktoberfest-themed event raised more than \$33,000 from attendees in support of Pediatric services, plus nearly \$16,000 for our Annual Fund.
- The second Annual John H. Ohler, MD Community Health Lecture was presented at Colby-Sawyer College by Dr. David Currow, Director of Dartmouth-Hitchcock's new Center for Palliative and Hospice Care on The Benefits of Investing in Hospice and Palliative Care.

Our fiscal year concluded in June with a small net gain from operations, evidence of the success of the financial improvement plan instituted during the prior year and the growing utilization of many of our services.

At the end of 2015 we bade Dr. Donald Eberly farewell as he retired after 35 years of general surgery service. We are exceedingly grateful for

the compassionate local care he provided at NLH for our community over the decades.

Thank you to all Sutton patients, families and guests who chose to receive care from us, volunteers who gave their precious time, generous donors who provided funding, dedicated staff who gave their best daily and all others who supported our mission in the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce P. King

President and CEO, New London Hospital

KLS Community Food Pantry

The mission of the KLS Community Food Pantry is to help meet the emergency and on-going food and household needs of people in the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee region who are experiencing financial hardship. The towns included in this outreach effort are: Andover, Bradford, Danbury, New London, Newbury, Salisbury, Springfield, Sunapee (including Georges Mills), Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot.

Sutton residents have been using the KLS Community Food Pantry since 2009. In 2015, they made 90 family visits to the food pantry.

KLS Community Food Pantry 2015 Statistics

Month	# of Meals Fed	# of People Fed	# of Households
January	3492	388	107
February	2502	278	88
March	2538	282	89
April	3042	338	107
May	2799	311	94
June	2934	326	94
July	3069	341	106
August	3033	337	102
September	2979	331	104
October	3250	360	111
November	3042	338	104
December	3429	381	118
Total	36109	4011	1224

Composition of Families by size in 2015:

1-2 person families	43%
3-4 person families	34%
5-11 person families	23%

Composition of families by age in 2015:

Children 18 & younger	36%
Adults 19-59	51%
Seniors over 60	13%

How does this compare to previous years? The Food Pantry has been in operation since 2009 when we served 2,546 people. In every year since 2010, including in 2015, we have served over 4,000 people. We served 72 new families this year in addition to the 73 new families we served last year. We saw an increase in the number of 1-2 person families using the pantry. Families of 1-4 members continue to constitute the majority of families using the food pantry, with considerably larger size families constituting nearly 25% of those served. Seniors are a growing

percentage of those visiting the pantry. There is no question that we continue to serve a significant need in the region.

Crucial Food Partnerships. Hannafords: Twice a week the Food Pantry is able to get fresh produce, meat, fresh fruit, breads, and pastry from Hannaford Supermarket as part of the Feed America Fresh Rescue Program. In 2015 dairy products were added. This provides wonderful and healthful options for our pantry families. In addition, each year Hannafords and the New London Police Department partner for a very successful “**Stuff-the-Cruiser**” food donation event. This event brings in thousands of pounds of food to help keep our pantry stocked. **New Hampshire Food Bank:** The New Hampshire Food Bank distributes food to local authorized pantries at deeply discounted prices and sometimes for free. This partnership has helped us keep our pantry well stocked on a regular basis. **Colby-Sawyer College (CSC):** Since 2014, we have been a beneficiary of the Colby-Sawyer College Feed the Freezer Program. Under this program, volunteers package up meals of various sizes provided by the college’s food service, Sodexo, and distribute them to area food pantries for the families using those pantries. The meals are all prepared in the college’s commercial kitchen and include heating instructions. We have had a very positive reaction from our pantry families. We are very grateful for the support from the College and the students in the Feed the Freezer Club. **Benjamin F. Edwards Annual Shredding Event:** Benjamin Edwards shreds documents for the public once a year for free asking only for a donation of food to the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry receives hundreds of pounds of food from this event to help keep our pantry stocked. We have also benefitted from substantial food drives from the Boy Scouts, Kearsarge Regional Schools (Middle School and New London Elementary), Windy Hill Day Care, Lake Sunapee Bank, CSC Feed the Freezer Program, and Auto Advisors in Springfield.

Expanded Outreach Programs. One of our most important outreach efforts is our school nurse program. Each semester the Food Pantry provides area school nurses with snack foods and beverages such as crackers, fruit, string cheese, soups, granola bars, and ginger ale for children in need of extra nourishment during the school day. We will be expanding this program with the school nurses in 2016 to include a weekend backpack program providing additional nutritious food for families in particular need. In 2015, we implemented a summer feeding program to provide families with lunch food items for their children while the children were on summer break. We will continue with this program in 2016. Also in 2015, in coordination with a local teen, children’s books are now available for free on a year-round basis in the food pantry. Families are encouraged to take books for their children. During the winter, we regularly provide warm mittens, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, coats and winter apparel for families. Before

the school year begins, in coordination with other organizations, we make available backpacks for children so they have supplies for the upcoming school year.

Gratitude. The Food Pantry relies solely on donations to provide our service to the community. We do not receive any federal, state, or local government financing. We are extremely grateful to the many individuals, businesses and civic groups who make this pantry a grassroots effort of neighbors reaching out to help neighbors through special collections and donations of goods and money. Some individuals gave donations in memory or in honor of family and friends. Please know that every donation is much appreciated and helps us with our outreach. We would also like to recognize these special businesses, churches and civic groups for their generous donations to the Food Pantry: Anonymous Donor, Auto Advisors, Avian Technologies, Boy's Club of New London, Benjamin F. Edwards & Co., Boy Scout Troop 71, Church World Services, Colby-Sawyer College Feed the Freezer Club, Country Houses Real Estate-New London, Deer Hill Farm, Elkins Fish & Game Club, Doheney Chickens, First Baptist Church of New London, First Congregational Church of Wilmot, Hannaford Supermarket, Heidelberg Lodge IOOF, Hole-In-The Fence Café, Kearsarge Area CROP Walk, Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church, Kearsarge Regional Schools, Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Kearsarge Thanksgiving Basket Project, Lake Sunapee Bank, Lake Sunapee United Methodist Church, Mascoma Savings Bank Foundation, Moore Family Farm, Morgan Hill Bookstore, Musterfield Farm, New London Inn-Coach House Restaurant, New London Police Department and New London Police Benevolent Society, New London Rotary Club, New London Service Organization, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Pacific North Painting & Decorating, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of New London, St. Andrew's Thrift Shop, Spring Ledge Farm, Sutton Parent's Teacher's Club, The InterTown Record, and Windy Hill Day Care.

Volunteers. The Food Pantry does not have a paid staff. We have a total of 125 volunteers that provide many "behind the scenes" jobs as well as serving families when the pantry is open. Volunteers shop, inspect donations for safe food condition, stock the shelves, pick up donated food from Hannaford's Fresh Rescue Program, clean up, coordinate and remind volunteers of their time in the pantry, and serve families in need when the pantry is open. This is a labor of love for our volunteers who care about their neighbors and want to help. Our volunteers shop at the New Hampshire Food Bank, at local and regional supermarkets, and at warehouse clubs in an effort to stretch your donation dollars.

Hours of Operation. The Food Pantry is located in the back of the First Baptist Church in New London, and is open Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm and Saturday mornings from 10:00-11:30 am.

How to donate. 1) Drop off non-perishable food such as canned fruit, soup, peanut butter and cereal at the First Baptist Church during office hours: Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am until 3:30 pm, and Fridays from 8:00 am until noon; 2) The food pantry is a 501(c)(3) public charity. Make a tax-deductible donation to “KLS Community Food Pantry,” PO Box 536, New London, NH 03257.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the KLS Community Food Pantry Board,

Terri Bingham
Chair

Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust - Town of Sutton

The mission of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (Ausbon Sargent) is to protect the rural landscape of the twelve towns of the Mt. Kearsarge/Mt. Sunapee region. The region comprises the towns of Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Goshen, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot. Since our founding in 1987, Ausbon Sargent has completed 137 projects and protected 11,066 acres – including fourteen working farms and over eight miles of lake frontage. All of these conservation lands must provide for some public benefit and two-thirds of these properties offer public access.

Quality of life is very important to the residents of New Hampshire and the state consistently ranks in the top ten as one of the best places to live in the United States. Contributing to this ranking are our clean water, scenic places and outdoor recreation. Open spaces also contribute significantly to the economic well being of the State and our communities.

During 2015, Ausbon Sargent completed four projects representing just over 207 acres; one in the town of Warner, one in New London, and two in Sunapee.

In March of 2015, Ausbon Sargent led a timber hike on two properties in Sutton. They began the hike at the Putnam easement on Hominy Pot Road. The cut, which had been completed at the time of the hike, showcased what the impact of a timber harvest can have on a property. The property owners had responsibly harvested some timber off of the 11 acres on the east side of Hominy Pot Road.

The second property included in the hike was the Johnson easement on Village Road. The property, now owned by Nate Byfield, was being cut under the direction of a forestry management plan. This demonstrated a larger scale timber cut on a conservation easement property.

In August of 2015, with the cooperation of the Sutton Conservation Commission, Ausbon Sargent's Land Protection Specialist, Andy Deegan, and his wife, Carrie of the NH Forest Society, led a "Dragon Fly Walk" at Russell Pond in Sutton. The walk was done to invite people to learn more about dragonflies and damselflies and their significance in nature. These walks are held each summer at different locations and are a great opportunity for adults and children alike to net, identify and release a variety of dragonflies. The Dragon Fly Walks fill up fast, so keep an eye out for the upcoming dates in summer, 2016!



Ausbon Sargent's Land Specialist, Andy Deegan, offers instruction at a dragonfly walk held at Russell Pond in August

Ausbon Sargent's website indicates which of the land trust's protected properties have trails open to the public. These trails, many of which cross privately owned land, are open to hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The website includes trail maps and driving directions. For more information on these newly conserved properties, and all of Ausbon Sargent's protected properties, please visit our website at: **www.ausbonsargent.org**; also, please visit our Facebook page.

Ausbon Sargent hosted numerous events in 2015 that are available for our membership and the public to enjoy. In addition to our ever-popular fundraising events such as the Progressive Dinner in July and the Holiday Party in December, we hold many other events, which I encourage you to attend. The 4th Annual Kearsarge Klassic Bike Event in conjunction with the New Hampshire Cycling Club was at the end of August. A hike through the LaBaron-Brewer property in Danbury was held in July, and a winter snowshoe was held at the Courser property in Warner in March. We hope you will all come out at some point to experience the beauty of these special places for yourselves.

Ausbon Sargent is pleased to have over 200 volunteers providing year-round support for easement monitoring, committee assignments and clerical work. In May we hosted a Volunteer Recognition Party in Sunapee as a thank you to these loyal and talented volunteers. We are grateful to have so many giving members who provide financial

support and the countless hours which have assured our success. If you would like to join us in our work to protect these special places, you could become a conservation easement donor, support Ausbon Sargent financially, volunteer your time to the organization, encourage the town officials throughout our twelve town region to conserve our rural character by supporting land conservation and most importantly, if you are not already, please consider becoming a member of Ausbon Sargent.

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Stanley
Executive Director

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The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway



The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition (SRKGC) was founded in 1993. It is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization to promote hiking and land conservation. A 75 mile hiking trail forming a loop known as the SRK Greenway was built to link the most prominent peaks in the area – Mt Sunapee, Mt Ragged and Mt Kearsarge.

The SRK Greenway extends through ten towns and of the 75 miles, 9.6 miles are in Sutton. Entering from Mount Kearsarge State Forest along the Lincoln Trail from the north, the Greenway arrives at Kearsarge Valley Road, passes under I-89 at Exit 10, enters Shadow Hill State Forest, then the perimeter of Kearsarge Regional Middle School. It crosses NH 114 below Music Hill Road and arrives at Wadleigh Hill Road near the Pressey Bridge over the Lane River. From there it passes the Town Forest and into Wadleigh State Park. From Wadleigh the SRKG heads toward Chalk Pond in Newbury by following Penacook Road to King's Hill Road, ascends King's Hill Road and descends to the Newbury town line at Stone House Road. Much of the trail passes over private property and would not exist were it not for the generosity of many land owners.

The SRK Greenway is a thoroughly community-based, all volunteer organization governed by an active Board of Directors which oversees trail maintenance work, a newsletter, a website (www.srkg.com), a trail guide book, a 3-season hiking schedule and an annual meeting in March of every year. Jean LaChance, representing the Sutton Conservation Commission, and Dave Gardner currently serve as Sutton Directors on the Greenway Board. Art Robbins helps keep Sutton's portion of SRK Greenway trails repaired and blazed.

Our website at www.srkg.org has maps of the entire Greenway. There you will find hike schedules and events, landowner information, membership details and links to other hiking trails in New Hampshire.

Hiking trails are an important feature of the region's tourism economy and an important benefit to the community. Preserving and maintaining a Green Corridor in Sutton and the surrounding towns has an enormous impact with its associated recreational, economic and health benefits. To improve awareness of hiking trails generally SRK Greenway representatives continually meet with several town boards, conservation commissions, and others including the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT), SPNHF, the Mount Sunapee State

Park Advisory Committee, the NH Trails Bureau and the Statewide Trails Advisory Committee.



Marriages Recorded for the Town of Sutton

January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

All information gathered from the Division of Vital Records Site

Groom Town of Residence	Bride Town of Residence	Town of Issu- ance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
Loehr, Mark F. South Sutton, NH	Tapsall, Catherine Old Greenwich, Ct	Sutton, NH	Sutton, NH	01/02/2015
Salakka, Ville O. Imatra, Finland	Leblanc, Casey R. North Sutton, NH	Concord, NH	Manchester, NH	04/17/2015
Ashton, Christopher W. North Sutton, NH	Walker, Erica M. North Sutton, NH	Sutton, NH	North Sutton, NH	07/11/2015
Chilpyian, John J. North Sutton, NH	Rice, Veronica E. North Sutton, NH	Sutton, NH	Plaistow, NH	07/25/2015
Wakeman, Timothy A. South Sutton, NH	Merritt, Nicole S. South Sutton, NH	Sutton, NH	Rindge, NH	10/10/2015
Legendre, Matthew S. Sutton, NH	McCarthy, Erin L. Sutton, NH	Sutton, NH	Hillsborough, NH	10/31/2015
Byfield, Nathaniel P. Sutton, NH	MacPherson, Knicole E. Sutton, NH	Sutton, NH	Bradford, NH	12/31/2015

Respectfully submitted,
Linda D Ford

Births Recorded in the Town of Sutton

January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

All information gathered from the Division of Vital Records Site

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Joynt, Aubergine Philise Samantha	04/10/2015	Concord, NH	Joynt, Robert	Joynt, Jessica
Therrien, Elaina Rochelle	04/19/2015	Lebanon, NH	Therrien, Matthew	Therrien, Taylor
Rosenthal, Molly May	06/12/2015	Lebanon, NH	Rosenthal, Evan	Rosenthal, Jill
Jackman, Camden Lee	06/23/2015	Lebanon, NH	Jackman, John	Jackman, Kori
Williams, Summer Ann	06/30/2015	Lebanon, NH	Williams, Joshua	Anthony, Katherine
Sokoloskiy, Ari Hamilton	11/07/2015	Sutton, NH	Sokoloskiy, Mikhael	Sokoloskiy, Sineade
Byfield, Tree Alden	11/12/2015	Concord, NH	Byfield, Nathaniel	MacPherson, Knicole

Respectfully submitted,
Linda D Ford

Deaths Recorded in the Town of Sutton

January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

All information gathered from the Division of Vital Records Site

Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name
Bonewald, Melanie	02/12/2015	North Sutton, NH	Giesecke, Rudolph	Coeln, Gertrude
Karales, George	02/20/2015	North Sutton, NH	Karales, George	Unknown
Baldyga, Jeffrey	02/24/2015	Sutton, NH	Baldyga, Edward	Clementel, Lillian
Rundquist, Ingeburg	05/04/2015	North Sutton, NH	Deusser, Albert	Unknown, Ida
Chadwick, Arthur	05/16/2015	New London, NH	Chadwick, Sr., Allen	Willey, Sylvia
MacAllister, Susan	06/10/2015	New London, NH	Clarke, Gordon	Williams, Angela
Brown, Jr., Olin	06/20/2015	North Sutton, NH	Brown, Sr., Olin	Harper, Evelyn
Quinley, Jessie	07/10/2015	Sutton, NH	Cheney, II, Luke	Ness, Arietta
Davis, Diane	07/10/2015	Lebanon, NH	Gallagher, James	English, Marguerite
Stillman, Alexander	08/11/2015	North Sutton, NH	Stillman, Byron	Tyrell, Margaret
DiSalvo, William	08/22/2015	North Sutton, NH	DiSalvo, Francis	Doherty, Rita
Olson, Sr., Stephen	09/09/2015	South Sutton, NH	Valiquet, James	Moulton, Sue
Whittemore, Charles	09/16/2015	New London, NH	Whittemore, Frederick	Cross, Esther
Malone, Sr., Howard	09/30/2015	Sutton, NH	Malone, William	Gogarty, Ann
Chadwick, Weston	10/06/2015	Unity, NH	Chadwick, Earle	Cheney, Gladys
McKnight, Corey	10/14/2015	Sutton, NH	Farmer, Carroll	McKinnon, April
Davis, Clark	11/04/2015	Concord, NH	Davis, Robert	Morse, Vernal
Peret, Genevieve	12/10/2015	New London, NH	Wiater, John	Szot, Victoria
Rowe, Sandra	12/26/2015	North Sutton, NH	Rowe, Harold	Burke, Carol

Respectfully submitted,
Linda D Ford

Are you considering logging your land in Sutton?

The Sutton Conservation Commission reminds owners of forest land that your timber is a valuable asset. Be wary of unsolicited offers to log your land or buy timber. Before you have your property logged, we *strongly* recommend you:

- Hire a licensed professional **forester** to represent your financial interests and to protect the long-term health and productivity of your woodlot.
- Obtain a good written timber harvesting **contract**.
- Learn more about current **wood markets** and prices.
- Obtain **free** forestry **advice** from Merrimack County Cooperative Extension. County Forester, Tim Fleury will arrange to visit your woodlot. Please call Tim at (603) 796-2151 or 225-5505.
- Learn more about NH **forestry laws** including: the Intent to Cut permit, the NH Timber Yield Tax, Wetlands permits, Best Management Practices for Erosion Control, Basal Area law for Stream and Shoreland Protection zones, Slash laws and Timber Trespass laws.
- Visit the resource library in the Town Hall. **Free fact sheets** include an excellent publication entitled: *Selling Timber? Do It Right!* Other publications include information on: Forest Management Plans, Marking Boundaries, Logging Contracts, Best Management Practices, Timber Harvesting Laws, Cost-Share Programs, Licensed Foresters and Certified Loggers in NH.

A timber tax monitor reviews Intent to Cut permits and visits timber harvests in Sutton as necessary to insure accurate reporting of timber yields.

NH Division of Forests & Lands inspecting foresters visit logging operations to insure compliance with NH timber harvesting laws and to respond to complaints of timber law violations. Call (603) 271-2217.

Proper timber harvesting provides multiple benefits: income, improved habitat, trails, views, and long-term forest health. Uncontrolled, exploitive cutting results in lost revenue, environmental degradation, public resentment and legal liability.

**Your forest has been growing for many years.
It will continue to increase in value over time.
A timber sale should be an informed decision.
Please do your homework!**

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